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THIRTEEN DEAD.

Bodies of Victims of Boiler Explosion Mangled Beyond Recognition.

Chicago, Ills., Nov. 29.—With a deafening report a boiler in Swift & Company's plant exploded shortly after 10 o'clock this morning. Thirteen lives were sacrificed and scores of employees, visitors and others were injured. Huge boilers were sent through the roof of the structure, and hurled hundreds of feet.

Five minutes after the explosion nothing of the building remained but a pile of twisted iron, bricks and mortar, sheets of flame springing from the ruins, and the spectators realized that it would be impossible to save the lives of those who were caught in the wreck. The explosion was of such force that adjoining buildings were wrecked, torn and twisted like toys. Men, women and boys, who were working in adjoining departments, were hurled through the windows to the ground. Many of them escaped with but slight bruises, but most of the victims were hurt to such an extent that it was necessary to remove them to hospitals. Many were taken to their homes.

A dozen patrol wagons and as many ambulances were sent from all parts of the city. Extra calls for fire engines followed, and soon the flames were being fought from every side.

While the fire was still burning, police, firemen and employees of the packing firms began digging in the ruins. Bodies, bruised and mangled, were taken from the ruins and sent to the morgues.

Many theories were advanced as to the responsibility for the disaster. One inspector declared that the explosion had been caused by cold water injected into the boiler, but a majority of the investigators held to the opinion that the catastrophe had been caused by low water. Nothing definite was learned, however, and, as all the men in the boiler-room were killed, it is not likely that the cause of the accident will ever be known. It is not thought that the loss to Swift & Company will amount to more than $50,000, as the building in which the boilers were located was the only structure to be entirely destroyed.

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DUKE'S SON BANKRUPT.

London, Nov. 29.—A receiver was appointed to-day in the Bankruptcy court for the estate of Colonel G. W. A. Fitzgeorge, a son of the Duke of Cambridge. The appointment was made on the petition of a judgment creditor for $450,000.

GONE TO INDIA.

The Duke and Duchess of Connaught Left London on Saturday.

(Associated Press.)

London, Nov. 29.—The Duke and Duchess of Connaught, who are to represent King Edward and Queen Alexandra at the coronation durbar, start on their journey to India to-day. They will go by way of Egypt, where they will be present at the opening of the Assouan dam.

Colonel "Jack" Leslie, who is a member of the Duke of Connaught's staff, and Mrs. Leslie, accompanied the Duke and Duchess.

THE PREMIER WILL RETURN SHORTLY

SIR WILFRID LAURIER IN EXCELLENT HEALTH

Death of Principal of Ottawa Normal School—Was Married Two Weeks Ago.

(Special to the Times.)

Ottawa, Dec. 1.—Sir Wilfrid Laurier and Sir William Mulock are expected to return home about the 20th inst. The Premier is in excellent health.

Two Deaths.

Wm. MacKey, 85 years old, a pioneer in the lumber trade and a millionaire, died here this morning. He leaves a son and two daughters, Mrs. Darcy McMahon and Mrs. Le Moine, wife of J. de St. D. Le Moine, sergeant-at-arms of the Senate.

Dr. McCabe, principal of the Normal school, nearly seventy years of age, who married a second time two weeks ago, dropped dead at St. Patrick's church yesterday. His widow is 25 years of age. Heart disease was the cause of death.

No Bonding of Cattle.

The bonding of Canadian cattle through Maine has been stopped on account of the foot and mouth disease in the Eastern States. All shipments to Halifax and St. John must go by the government road.

SCORED BY VICTORIANS.

Scholefield and Gillespie Secured the Tries Which Won Match at Halifax.

(Associated Press.)

Halifax, N. S., Nov. 29.—The all-Canadian football team, which will play a series of games in England, defeated Dalhousie college, the champions of the Maritime provinces, by a score of 9 to 0.

The three tries which made this total were secured by two Victoria men, Scholefield and Gillespie.

The Canadians will play all-Halifax on Monday, and on Monday night sail by the Allan liner Bavarian for Liverpool.

ADMIRAL DEWEY.

He Has Resumed Active Sea Duty—Will Command Fleet During Manoeuvres.

(Associated Press.)

Washington, Dec. 1.—Admiral George Dewey resumed active sea duty to-day for the first time since his return to the United States from his memorable cruise in Philippine waters. His four starred pennant was hoisted on the President's yacht Mayflower at the Washington navy yard and, accompanied by the members of his staff, he sailed to assume direct command of the large fleet engaged in the manoeuvres in the Caribean sea. The Mayflower will set her course direct for Culebra island, off Porto Rico, and is due there next Saturday.

TELEPHONE DISPUTE.

Attempt Will Be Made to Operate Vancouver System by Non-Unionists.

(Special to the Times.)

Vancouver, Dec. 1.—The businessmen's committee to-day gave up the endeavor to arbitrate temporarily the telephone strike. The union agreed to work for a week under a provisional directorate of the businessmen, on the understanding that during that time the company would take no advantage, and in the meantime a permanent settlement might be effected. Manager Kent, however, finally declined the offer of mediation and announced that an attempt would be made this evening to operate the system by non-unionists.

MINE EXPLOSION.

Four Men Killed and Eight Injured, Three of Them Fatally.

Shamokin, Pa., Nov. 29.—Four men were killed, three fatally and five seriously injured by an explosion of gas in the Luke Fiddler colliery to-day.

Officials are now conducting an investigation, but have not yet ascertained the cause of the explosion. They are of the opinion, however, that a miner carelessly opened a safety lamp.

The workings are very gaseous. Once ignited, the body of gas escaped with a roar from the gangway, carrying death and destruction with it. Timbers were torn out, mine cars were blown apart, and brattices destroyed. Miners working near the scene of the accident made a rush for the shaft and several were overcome by the afterdamp following the explosion. They were rescued by the relief party sent at once to the gangway.

The colliery employs 1,000 men and is operated by the Mineral Railroad & Mining Company.

BLONDIN'S TRIAL.

(Associated Press.)

Boston, Mass., Dec. 1.—J. Wilfred Blondin was placed on trial to-day, for the alleged murder of his wife, whose headless body was found in a brush heap in Chelmsford, Mass., in June, 1901.

TRAVELLING IN RUSSIA.

United States Ambassador Says Stories of Danger Are Unfounded.

(Associated Press.)

New York, Dec. 1.—C. Tower, the newly appointed United States ambassador to Germany, who is in Paris, is quoted in a dispatch from that city to the Herald as saying the stories one hears about the difficulty and danger of travelling in Russia are absolutely inventions. It is true that one requires a passport, but if it is properly used it is never looked at after one passes the border. Travelling in Russia is the most comfortable of all countries in Europe, and is attended with almost as great a degree of comfort as in the United States. Indeed on some long distance trains they even have bath rooms.

BELIEVED TO BE ANARCHIST.

Suspicious Character Arrested in Castle Grounds at Sofia, Bulgaria.

(Associated Press.)

Sofia, Bulgaria, Nov. 29.—A supposed Anarchist was arrested in the park of Euxinegrade Castle to-day, on suspicion that he intended making an attempt to assassinate Prince Ferdinand of Bulgaria.

GROUNDLESS REPORT.

(Associated Press.)

New York, Nov. 29.—A member of the banking firm of Baring, Magoun & Co., of this city, denied the report to-day from Chicago that "J. Pierpont Morgan, aided by Baring Bros., of London, will float the beef merger and underwrite the necessary $100,000,000 of bonds."

The member of the firm referred to said: "Mr. Baring was in Chicago, and he may have called upon Mr. Arthur, but any report that we and Mr. Morgan are to float the so-called beef merger is without foundation."

At the office of J. Pierpont Morgan & Co. also it was said that there was no foundation for the report.

TWO GRAND TRUNK OFFICIALS ON WAY HERE

Will Seek Subsidies From Government For the New Line to the Coast.

(Special to the Times.)

Vancouver, Dec. 1.—Messrs. Morse and Wainwright, of the Grand Trunk, arrived to-day and passed through to Victoria. Mr. Morse said:

"The purpose of our visit to the Coast is to see the government and people regarding the proposed Grand Trunk Pacific, and we shall ask for subsidies similar to other transcontinental lines. The railway will surely be built, and will be north of the C. P. R. all the way from North Bay, reaching the Coast at or near Port Simpson, which is the place now proposed, although our engineers have not been over the route."

STEAMER WRECKED.

Half of Small Unknown Vessel Found in Jervis Inlet.

(Special to the Times.)

Vancouver, Dec. 1.—Steamer Comox, from the North, brings news of the finding of the half of an unknown small steamer, thirty feet long, with no identifying marks, in Jervis Inlet.

STAMPING OUT DISEASE.

Several Hundred Veterinary Surgeons Will Be Engaged in the New England States.

(Associated Press.)

Chicago, Dec. 1.—Secretary of Agriculture Wilson, who has arrived here to attend the international live stock exposition, says, regarding the outbreak of cattle disease in New England:

"My latest report from the infected districts is that the disease is at a standstill, the next report will decide the number of men that I shall send to New England. A large number will go. Before many days shall have passed there will be several hundred veterinary surgeons in the New England states, and they will be instructed to inspect every cow, sheep and hog. I believe we shall need three or four weeks to stamp out the disease. Congress will be asked for a special appropriation to cure the disease permanently. I intend to ask for at least $1,000,000."

Secretary Wilson will leave for Washington to-night.

THE STRIKE COMMISSION.

Fifty Thousand Dollars Will Be Appropriated to Cover the Expenses.

(Associated Press.)

Washington, Dec. 1.—Representative Cannon introduced a bill to-day appropriating $50,000 to defray the expenses of the anthracite commission appointed by the President. The bill provides that the members may receive such compensation within the limit of the appropriation as the President may deem proper, and provision is made so there will be no conflict with existing laws affecting those members who are now in the employ of the government. The bill was referred to the committee on appropriations, and will be taken up by that committee for consideration to-morrow.

H. M. S. GRAFTON

Sailed for Southern Stations This Afternoon—The Amphion Delayed.

H. M. S. Grafton took her departure for southern stations at two o'clock this afternoon. The Amphion was to accompany her, but at the last moment fault was found with some of her machinery and she was compelled to remain behind. Everything was in readiness for the ship to sail when her engineers reported the defect in her boilers. In honor of the sailing of the Grafton all the warships were decorated in bunting this afternoon, and the sailing of the vessel was attended with the usual merriment among the crew of the different ships in port.

A ROYAL VISITOR IS ENTERTAINED

SIAM'S FUTURE KING WILL LEAVE TO-NIGHT

He Will Dine at Government House Before Boarding Steamer For Home.

H. R. H. the Crown Prince of Siam arrived in the city last evening by the Charmer, having come overland from San Francisco to Vancouver. To-night he goes on board the Empress of China, which will be held until half-past one for the convenience of the Prince and his party. The Crown Prince's party includes the following: His Excellency Phya Akang Varadhara, the Siamese minister at Washington; His Excellency Col. Phyra Rajavallabh, first aide-de-camp; Capt. Luang Sarasiddhi, second aide-de-camp; Mon. R. Anuvatra, private secretary to the Prince; E. H. Softus, secretary of the Siamese legation; Prof. J. H. Gore, of the Columbian University, Washington.

In addition to the members of his suite there are also along with the party the following: Y. H. Darnell, of the Pennsylvania railroad, who has charge of the special train service; S. C. Wheeler and R. H. Taylor, of the secret service;

THE CROWN PRINCE OF SIAM.

E. Weissmuller, Walter Short and J. A. Dorm.

Arriving late last evening His Royal Highness went immediately to the Driard, where, after dinner, he retired to his own rooms. This forenoon was occupied by him in attending to his correspondence. At 12 o'clock he received visitors, and this afternoon was taken by His Worship the Mayor about the city. The drive included a visit to some of the points of interest, and will probably include Esquimalt.

The Prince having never seen a sawmill in operation, Mayor Hayward included a visit to Sayward's large mills this afternoon, where the Prince was shown the working of a modern mill in all its departments. He will also visit the parliament buildings. A squad of police drawn from the provincial and city forces will attend him during his tour of the buildings. During his stay in the city members of the city police force have been kept in attendance at the Driard night and day, in addition to the secret service representatives who accompany the party.

This evening the Prince will dine at 7.0 with His Honor the Lieut.-Governor. The list of guests at Government House will include H. R. H. the Crown Prince of Siam and the members of his suite, Hon. Senator Templeman, Hon. E. Dewdney, Hon. Col. Prior, Hon. D. M. Eberts, Hon. J. D. Prentice, Hon. W. C. Wells, Hon. W. W. B. McInnes, Hon. Senator Macdonald, Chief Justice Hunter, Hon. C. E. Pooley, Major Gurdon, R. G. A., Capt. Simpson, R. N., Canon Beanlands, Capt. Byron Drake, A. D. C. to the Lieut.-Governor, and R. Powell.

The Prince is the heir to the throne of Siam, a country which, under his father, Chulalongkara I., has made wonderful advancement in the way of adopting the ideas of the modern European races. Since ascending the throne in 1868, he has carried into effect many improvements learned by visits to various parts of Europe and Asia. He shows a wonderfully democratic spirit, and is ready at all time to consider propositions looking to the betterment of conditions in Siam, and will cheerfully lend his aid to those that promise success. While the King is an absolute sovereign, he has introduced not only a privy council and a cabinet, but also a legislative council, and in no instance has he exercised his autocratic powers. It can be truly said that no sovereign now reigning has of his own volition and of his own initiative done so much for his own country.

Appreciating the benefits of foreign travel and study, he sent his sons abroad in order that they might become the better fitted for their high calling. In addition, the government maintains about 90 young men abroad while they prosecute their advanced or professional studies.

Possessed of a studious mind, the King has made the only complete collection of the Buddhist scriptures. Several sets of these were presented to libraries in Britain and the United States. In appreciation of their scholarly production, the University of Oxford conferred upon the King the degree of D. C. L. But while Buddhism is the religion of the country, there is the greatest liberality granted with respect to religion. Any sect or creed is free to seek converts so long as no interference with political conditions is threatened. There are several Protestant establishments in Siam that are built on ground given for that purpose by the present King and his father, and in more than one instance their principals have been taken into government service.

The Crown Prince was born in 1881, and was proclaimed heir to the throne in 1885. After pursuing, under private tutors at home the usual elementary studies, he went to England in 1893, and, after studying privately, he entered the Royal Military College at Sandhurst. Here he devoted himself to the work at hand without claiming any of the immunities his position might suggest, and completed the course in due time, graduating at the head of his class in some of his studies—an honor especially meritorious considering the fact that he pursued his studies in a foreign language. After his course at Sandhurst, he was attached for a year to the Durham Light Infantry. He then became a student at Christ Church, Oxford, but not being a regular matriculant he was not admitted to a degree. Here again he distinguished himself as a close student, especially of history, in which branch he prosecuted original investigations and wrote a treatise on "The War on the Polish Succession" of such value that the University authorities saw fit to publish the work.

When he left Oxford, he took up the study of law, making a specialty of international law, and perfected himself in French, which he now speaks fluently. He has spent his vacations visiting systematically the other countries of Europe and Egypt for recreation and observation, noticing especially their governmental administration and institutions, and seeking information that would the better prepared him for his kingly duties when he shall be called upon for their discharge.

He is now on his way home after an absence of about nine years. The result of these years spent in England during the formative period of his character cannot help but have a wonderful effect upon the future of Siam. The reforms which his father has been pleased to introduce in the government of his country may be expected under his son to be still further extended, and Siam may be expected to become one of the most advanced of Oriental nations.

The Prince, on account of his absence from his native land for so many years, has not the definite knowledge of his country that would be the case had he come immediately from Siam. He has, however, realizing that he was ultimately to assume the government of the country, been keenly alive to any improvements which might be made in the way of trade and commerce. This trip across the continent has, with the exception of the day spent in Victoria and a few hours in Vancouver, been confined to visiting cities of the United States. He has therefore been privilege to look more fully into the American conditions.

The Prince points out that there is an opportunity for the development of trade between the United States and Siam in many lines. He would advocate in this connection the establishment of a commercial museum at Bangkok on the part of the United States, and further favors the appointment of American commercial agents in the capital city of Bangkok. By this means he thinks commerce might be developed between the two countries, and that the United States trade which now ranks only sixth or seventh in volume might be increased.

With the development of the industries of Siam there has been an increasing demand for machinery. This would form the great bulk of the export trade from the United States, and would also apply similarly to Canada. At present the British control seventy-eight per cent. of the foreign trade of Siam.

His country produces immense quantities of rice which forms the staple product of the land. Teak wood is also exported, the forests being farmed out under close government supervision.

Part of the Prince's suite will take leave of him this evening and return to Washington. His Excellency the Siamese minister, C. H. Loftus, secretary of the Siamese legation, and Prof. Gore, will, after having accompanied His Royal Highness across the continent, return to their duties at the American capital. The Prince's aides-de-camp and private secretary will accompany him to Bangkok. The other members of the royal party also complete their duties when they see the Prince on board the Empress of China this evening.

EXPLAINS POSITION.

E. C. Knight, secretary of Union, Gives Reasons for Strike of Linemen.

E. C. Knight, secretary of the Island Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, Union 230, when asked for a statement regarding the strike of the linemen employed by the Telephone Company, said:

"This action was taken purely out of sympathy with the Vancouver union. It was "up to" the local union to call out their men, as hitherto the Vancouver union has been allowed to take the drastic measures while the local union reaped the benefits. We make the same demands in regard to wages as the Vancouver union, that is 40 cents an hour for an eight hour day. The wages before the strike were 31 cents an hour for a nine hour day. So long as we remained working for the same wages as the Vancouver people are protesting against our existence would be ignored. We are therefore also fighting for a recognition of the union."

The meeting of the local union at which it was decided to call the linemen out was held on Thursday last. There are but five men affected in the decision of the local union.

AUTOMOBILE RECORDS.

(Associated Press.)

Detroit, Mich., Dec. 1.—Barney Oldfield, of this city, driving Tom Cooper's gasoline racing automobile to-day at the Grosse Point track, lowered the world's one mile automobile record for a circular track to 1.01⅘, and the five miles record to 5.20. Oldfield's five miles is 8 seconds under the previous world's record.

MR. M'INNES TAKES A NEW PORTFOLIO

HE SUCCEEDS TO MR. MURPHY'S POSITION

Sworn in as Provincial Secretary and Minister of Education—Bye-Election December 15th.

Hon. W. W. B. McInnes, President of the Council, was sworn in this morning by His Honor Lieut.-Governor Joly as Provincial Secretary and Minister of Education, the portfolio vacated by Mr. Denis Murphy.

The new minister will return to his constituents in North Nanaimo at once for re-election, and will leave to-morrow to begin the campaign.

The election will be held with all convenient speed, nomination probably taking place on the 11th inst., and polling, if there should be a poll necessary, on the 15th inst.

Mr. McInnes is of opinion that there will be no opposition to his return and that he will be re-elected by acclamation.

Mr. Thomas Haggart is returning officer.

Hon. W. W. B. McInnes is certainly starting off well as a minister of the Crown. His optimism is wonderful. He claims that with the House as it now stands the government has a good working majority against all combinations. In politics as in business, he says, it is always better to look on the bright side of things. Besides being an optimist the new Provincial Secretary is a fighter, which is another qualification for the strenuous political life in British Columbia. The provincial government may not survive the coming session, but it is almost certain Mr. McInnes will.

Denis Murphy's resignation of the cabinet position he had accepted four or five days before is attributed to the hostility of some of his former supporters to the Canadian Northern railway scheme of last session, which Col. Prior has intimated that he will take up again at the coming session. The effect of the construction of that road on Ashcroft and vicinity, it was pointed out to Mr. Murphy, could not be beneficial, as Ashcroft would thenceforth cease to be the base of supplies for Cariboo and the north generally. The prevalence of a feeling of this kind it is said was the cause of Mr. Murphy's retirement.

SUPREME COURT SITTINGS.

First Case to Be Heard Will Be Action Against Owners of Tug.

Mr. Justice Irving will preside at the sittings of the Supreme court for trial of civil cases, which will begin at 11 a. m. to-morrow. The first case on the list will be tried with a special jury. It is brought by the Alaska Packers' Association, owners of the barque Santa Clara, which was wrecked on Trial island last Christmas, against the owner of the tug Mystery, the claim being for damages on account of alleged negligence in attempting to get the Santa Clara off the rocks. Messrs. Bodwell & Duff act for the plaintiffs; Tupper, Peters & Griffin, for defendant.

Mr. Justice Drake disposed of the following matters in Chambers on Saturday morning:

Boutilier vs. Logan. Defendant was granted an order for particulars, defence to be delivered within five days from particulars, and plaintiff to be at liberty to examine defendant. A. F. R. Martin for plaintiff, J. M. Bradburn contra.

Re Lenora, Mt. Sicker Co., winding-up. James Breen's petition for a winding-up order was dismissed with costs, without prejudice to his right to bring a further petition. The winding-up order granted on Hofins & Co.'s petition still stands, and the company are appealing against it. W. E. Oliver, for company; J. H. Lawson, jr., contra.

McLaren vs. McLaughlin. F. Higgins, for plaintiff, obtained a garnishee order nisi.

This morning His Lordship granted orders in:

Evans vs. Miller. Security for costs was ordered, $100 to be deposited. A. C. Sutton, for defendant; F. Higgins, contra.

Re W. A. Anderson, winding-up. An issue was directed, with claimants as plaintiffs. F. Higgins, for claimants; C. B. Macneill, for Canadian Bank of Commerce, opposing, and A. D. Crease, for liquidator.

In the Admiralty court Mr. Justice Martain disposed of the following applications this morning:

Waterhouse vs. Willie. Thornton Fell, for defendant obtained an order for delivery to pleadings, costs of application in the cause. L. Crease, for plaintiffs.

Hackett vs. Blakeley. On motion for directions, L. Bond, for plaintiff, obtained leave to issue a motion returnable on 22nd inst. Costs reserved.

Mr. Justice Drake has handed down judgment in the famous "cow" case of Foster vs. Coigdarippe, in the County court, deciding that as the agreement between the parties was that rent should be paid in service, Coigdarippe had no right to distrain on the cow, and he therefore awards Foster $110 as damages.

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FOREIGN POWERS AND VENEZUELA

TRYING TO AVOID SEIZURE OF CUSTOMS

Action by Great Britain and Germany Might Lead to Serious Friction.

Washington, Nov. 29.—The appearance in Washington of I. Seligman, a member of a New York financial house, which is engaged in extensive international syndicates, taken in connection with the dispatch printed from London relative to Venezuela finances, was viewed in official circles here to-day as indicating the existence of a syndicate with the purpose of floating all of Venezuela's many debts and thus avoid a seizure of her customs houses by foreign powers. The assumption is that the prospective syndicate wishes to ascertain before closing a bargain with Venezuela, whether or not the United States will insure the meeting by Venezuela of the obligations which would assume in the matter of repayment of the loans.

The United States government, it can be stated on authority, is extremely desirous that Venezuela settle her troubles with Great Britain, Germany and other foreign countries without incurring the seizure of any Venezuelan ports, even temporarily, for it is realized that while the United States could not consistently object to the seizure of Venezuelan customs houses by a foreign power, as a means of collecting just debts, this is regarded as a contingency to be avoided if possible, because it is realized that serious friction might follow between the foreigners and the Venezuelans, and which, in the beginning, might be declared to be merely temporary occupation, might end by a claim of permanence in which the United States must take notice, and which it must contest. Therefore, if any responsible financial body is willing to pay off Venezuela's foreign claim, and so relieve the country from danger of occupation, such a move would be welcomed by the United States. But it is known in official circles that the guarantee by the United States government of the syndicate, Venezuelan's loan would be unfavorably considered. The department of state objects very strongly to giving any guarantee of this kind, and its official practice has been to extend to a United States citizen holding foreign bonds such protection as it would accord to any other citizen, but to allow him to bear the risk of his bonds of a foreign government subject to the vicissitudes of that government, and cannot expect the United States to act his collector in the event that his speculation does not turn out as well as expected.

Mr. Seligman lost no time in bringing his business to the attention of the government here, and before noon he appeared at the executive office with Senator Hanna, and was promptly admitted to the President's room. The conference did not last very long, and when he came away Mr. Seligman declined to make any statement as to the reason for his call, beyond the remark that it was a friendly visit. It is understood, however, that he did sound the President upon the line indicated above, and that the President could not see his way clear to involve the United States in the financial difficulties of the American republics that might follow from the acceptance of Mr. Seligman's proposition. It may be that the matter will later take a form that will make it possible for the state department to favorably entertain it At any rate, Mr. Seligman returned to his hotel from the executive offices, postponing a visit he had projected to the state department, and letting it be understood that he was not leaving Washington immediately.

No Cause for Complaint.

Port of Spain, Island of Trinidad, Nov. 29.—Sir Courtney Knollys, acting governor of Trinidad, believes that Great Britain and Germany are preparing for joint action against Venezuela. The people of Trinidad, he says, think it time for the foreign powers to intervene in the matter. Venezuelan gunboats have recently seized four British merchantmen in the Orinoco river, and the protest made regarding these seizures has not been heeded A United States ship is now here, bound for the Orinoco, and is awaiting a decision from the Washington government as to whether or not the blockade is effective.

Mr. Knollys declares that Venezuela has no cause for complaint at the failure of the powers to recognize the blockade, as such recognition would mean the investing of the revolutionists with belligerent rights, and would close Trinidad to Castro's warships, which use Port of Spain as a place for refitting He insists that the Island of Patos is British territory, and has been so for a century, and declares that ample proof of his statement is obtainable. The sympathy of Trinidad is with the revolutionists, though it is admitted that Castro is now dominant.

Senor Rajas, agent of the revolutionists, says: "The war will continue, the revolutionists have plenty of ammunition, and more has been ordered Gen. Matos is at Curacoa for the purpose of obtaining supplies. There are 13,000 revolutionists all in Venezuela, the eastern section of which country is completely under the control of his party. If Great Britain and Germany attack Venezuela, the revolutionists will sink all differences existing between themselves and the government, and all Venezuelan will fight for their country. The revolutionists have received no foreign support, particularly none from Colombia."

At the same time, it is stated in authoritative Colombian quarters, that the Bogota government will reject President Castro's overtures, and will aid in the attempt to defeat him.

Barcelona Reoccupied.

Caracas, Venezuela, Nov. 29.—A force of government troops, numbering 3,100, under Generals Velutini and Olivares, reoccupied Barcelona on the morning of November 26th. The revolutionists commanded by Gen. Pablo Guzman and Gen. L. Rolando, who joined them last week with only 200 men, abandoned the city before the arrival of the government forces, taking with them the leading prisoners whom they captured some time ago. Among these prisoners were Generals Ayela, Telleria and Marcano, the last two presidents of the states of Coso and Barcelona. The rebels removed their ammunition and a gun, which they took to a point six miles from the city, where they were attacked by a government force, under Gen. Guzman Alvarez, who inflicted upon them a severe defeat, liberating the prisoners they were holding as hostages and obliging them to escape in small bands through the mountains. The recapture by President Castro's troops of Barcelona, which the revolutionists have been representing as improbable, is taken here as further proof of the demoralization of the revolutionists. The government forces continued their march upon Ciudad Bolivar.

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THE GERMAN NAVY.

Fleet Society Points Out Necessity For Additional Cruisers.

Berlin, Nov. 29.—The German Fleet Society, to which Emperor William and nearly all the cabinet ministers, naval officers and others in the government service belong, has sent its several members through the society's monthly publication, a statement of the considerations which make necessary the building of more cruisers for service abroad, especially in Central and South American waters. The communication deals with German trade relations there, and goes seriously into the amounts of the present capital invested and the future possibilities. It does not contain the least trace of jingoism, but concludes with a carefully phrased paragraph saying that "Germans must make up their minds whether the business already created shall be protected and extended or permitted to languish. If the former alternative is accepted the navy must be increased by sufficient cruisers to adequately protect trade."

Concerning the extent of German interests in Venezuela, the communication says they amount to an aggregate of $50,000,000, of which, roughly speaking, $15,000,000 is invested in railroads and $12,000,000 to $15,000,000 in plantations and productive works. The remainder is engaged in trade and in the handling of German goods. With the German cruisers Amazon and Niobe going out about December 10th, Germany will have seven vessels in the West, according to present arrangements. So far as can be learned, the stay of all the vessels in these waters is indefinite. The marine minister does not indicate what disposition will be made of the squadron after the settlement of the Venezuelan controversy, but it is not unlikely that two cruisers will be sent to the Pacific coast, where the German flag has not been seen for some time.

THE GREATEST RACE.

Explorer Peary Says North Pole is the Biggest Prize the World Has to Offer.

Washington, Nov. 29.—Lieut. Robert E. Peary, the Arctic explorer, delivered an address to-night before the National Geographical Society on the subject of Arctic exploration. After discussing the Arctic explorations of the past, Mr. Peary, speaking of the future, said:

'In spite of the amount of work which has been done in the North Polar regions during the past few years, the work is not complete. The head of the Smith Sound gateway to the Pole is the central point from which to close this work. It is the point from which can be reached and determined that stretch of still unknown coast on the extreme point of Greenland reaching from Cape Bismarck to Cape Parish, the interior ramifications of the great jford systems of Northern Greenland, the gap in the coast line on the west coast of Grinnel Land between Ildrich's farthest and Sverdrup's farthest point, from which the practically unknown land along the eastern side of Kennedy and Robeson channel can be reached, and the point from which the Pole itself can and will be reached. It may seem to indicate overconfidence to state boldly that the Pole can be reached; and yet it is a fact. Even though the struggle for it has been going on unsuccessfully for years, each time we have learned a little more. The man who has the proper party, the proper equipment, and the proper experience, and can start fresh from the northern coast of Grinnel Land with the earliest returning light in February, will hold within his grasp the last great geographical prize that the earth has to offer. The North Pole is the biggest prize the world has yet to offer; the race for it the greatest race on earth."

FRENCH SEAMEN'S STRIKE.

More Workers Will Probably Be Called Out Shortly.

Marseilles, Nov. 29.—The strikers and shipowners both steadfastly refuse to make any concessions. At a meeting of strikers held this afternoon it was decided to call out 112 seamen's unions and all the crews of the towing company, unless a settlement shall be reached before December 12th. A number of tug boat crews have already come out voluntarily. Thirty-nine steamers now lie deserted at the docks. The minister of marine has been forced to send naval crews to two transports having on board 1,500 conscripts bound for Algeria. Two torpedo boat destroyers have been ordered to carry on the mail service with Algeria and Corsica. Detachments of troops are arriving here from various points for the purpose of maintaining order. The dock laborers at Cette and Port Louis have refused to unload steamers arriving at these places from Marseilles, and the dockmen at Cherbourg have struck owing to a dispute regarding wages. No disorder has been reported so far.

MAD MULLAH'S MESSAGE.

Says He Will Defeat British Whenever They Are Ready to Meet Him.

Aden, Arabia, Nov. 29.—A special dispatch from Garrero, Somaliland, dated November 26th, announces that the Mad Mullah recently sent into the British camp the train of supply camels captured from Col. Swayne's column. He was careful to previously render all the stores unfit for use, and accompanied his present with a defiant message promising to defeat the British whenever they were ready to risk a second defeat.

DIED INSANE.

Edmonton, Nov. 29.—Chas. L. Buckell, who shot and killed Robt. Heddle at Conjuring Creek on the 9th instant, while insane, died at Fort Saskatchewan, where he was imprisoned awaiting trial. He had not recovered his reason and was violently insane at the time of his death.

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TORONTO NOTES.

A Week at Home Next Summer—Land for Veterans.

Toronto, Nov. 29.—Hon. G. E. Foster delivered an address last night in favor of temperance. In opening he criticized somewhat adversely the act submitted to the people, and the latter part of his speech was devoted to an arraignment of the saloon.

The board of trade council yesterday passed a resolution in favor of a Toronto old home week next summer, instead of an Ontario old home week. It is expected that Torontonians from all parts of the world will visit their former home at that season.

Over six thousand certificates have been issued to veterans for land in New Ontario, under the act of 1900.

R. L. Borden, Halifax, leader of the Conservative party, arrived in the city this morning, and will be the guest of Mr. A. T. Kent.

THE CANADIAN PACIFIC.

Returns of Earnings and Working Expenses for October.

Montreal, Nov. 29.—The C. P. R. gross earnings for October were $4,127,402; working expenses, $2,511,267; net profits, $1,616,135. In October, 1901, the net profits were $1,467,039; and for the four months ending October 31st, the figures are as follows: Gross earnings, $14,579,689; working expenses, $9,014,187; net profits, $5,565,502. For the four months ending October 31st, 1901, there was a net profit of $5,211,270. The increase in net profits for the same period last year is therefore for October, $149,095, and from July 1st to October 31st, there was an increase of $344,232.

SHINGLE EDGING MACHINE.

The Inventor, J. D. Caldwell, of Vancouver, Has Received Patent.

Rowland Brittain, patent attorney, Vancouver, sends the following particulars of patents issued to a British Columbian this week:

The inventor is J. D. Caldwell, of Vancouver, who has just received his United States patents on an improved bicycle alarm and speed indicating bell, and on a shingle edging machine. The last named is likely to prove a particularly useful one in a provincial industry which has attained a position of considerable importance, that of shingle manufacture. This invention successfully accomplishes what has long been attempted but hitherto without practical result, viz., the automatic edging and gauging of shingles, work which when done by hand requires a skilled operator to attain any speed, and is always a dangerous employment.

Now, as the shingles come from the shingle machine they are placed by a boy on the feed of the "edger" and the sides are trimmed square with the butt; the trimming saws by an ingenious mechanism being automatically adjusted to the greatest width that each will trim to as a "random." If it is desired to cut dimensioned or "gauge" shingles, a series of saws, set to the required width apart on the same spindle, will cut the blank to the desired width, and the balance will be trimmed by the movable saw to as large a size as the material will allow. The Messrs McNair have installed six machines in their new mill, which is evidence at once of the requirement for and the practicability of the invention.

BOXING WITH YOUR FEET.

Boxers Who Use Their Boots as Well as Their Gloves.

In France it is legitimate to "dot" your boxing opponent "one under the nasal" with your boot. If you "tap the claret," to use more boxing ring phraseology, by such means, you are vigorously applauded.

If an English or American boxer adopted such tactics he would promptly be relegated to the ranks of hooliganism. Englishmen have a national prejudice against using the feet in combat, and are inclined to regard the Frenchman who does fight with his feet as a humbug.

Furthermore, the average Englishman is inclined to regard fighting with feet as a rather clever kind of gymnastic display, but of no real utility in warding off or giving a "knock-out" blow.

This is a mistaken idea, however. A week or so ago in Paris a "boxing" contest took place, in which three Frenchmen fought two Englishmen and an American. The latter, of course, used their fists only; the former, feet and fists, too.

With this contest we have nothing to do, except to say that only one of the Englishmen were defeated. It is rather our intention to show how a French boxer is trained.

The novice has first of all to stand firmly on one leg while the other is performing evolutions in the air—direct thrusts and parries. This is done by kicking out in quite a scientific manner that the instructor acquaints you with at a wall. These toe-pointed digs are inflicted upon one to get the limbs supple, and a process of high kicking is next recommended, in order that your balance may be maintained when giving your opponent his coup de gras.

When proficient in this exercise, it is the easiest thing in the world for a little man of 5 feet nothing to tap a 6 feet 6 in. man on the nose with his big toe and draw blood. With like grace the same "bantam" can flip his left toe under the "big un's" ear, at the same time inflicting on this thorax a resounding bang with the right heel, while with the fists a couple of "taps" on the nose can be delivered simultaneously.

You will be instructed not to kick out in a straight line. All blows are delivered sideways by the French boxer.

Supposing now your adversary exhibits an inclination to come to closer quarters than would be pleasant in your opinion, you just use "the stop thrust," by putting your foot flat on a level with the other's chest. While you keep it like that you can gain your breath. But it is when you want to "recover" that the danger to yourself lies.

You have to learn to do this move like lightning, or you will find yourself in an extremely uncomfortable position.

A most alarming—indeed, most formidable—kick is called the "coup de pied tournament." The boxer turns half round and delivers a rapid side lunge at your temple. It is generally the "knock-out" blow.

Another decisive method adopted by French boxers is to rush at you obliquely and use his foot like a heavy dragoon would his lance. There is only one way of parrying this, and that is to catch the foot with both hands and pitch the charger head over heels. It is a terrible kick, and nine times out of ten is successful in putting the receiver hors de combat.

The opening "raps" with which a French boxer invariably commences proceedings are very graceful to the sightseer. They serve to get the limbs into play, besides giving the audience an idea of the grace and dexterity of a contestant. This generally lasts right through the first round, and it is not until the second is reached that any idea can be formed of what the men are likely to do.

Most Englishmen, watching a French boxing match, are of opinion that if the leg that describes so many circles round the other's nose could be caught hold of, the Frenchman could be thrown down with heavy damage. They are mistaken, however.

If the offending leg were caught, the Frenchman would immediately support his whole weight from the ground by his arms, and, with the disentangled foot he would deal a succession of stunning blows on the other's head with dire consequences. But a French boxer never attempts to throw his opponent by catching his legs.—"I. O. U."

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WEATHER BULLETIN.

Daily Report Furnished by the Victoria Meteorological Department.

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Forecasts.

For 3 hours ending 5 p. m. Tuesday.

Victoria and vicinity—Fresh or strong westerly winds, unsettled or cold, with rain or sleet.

Lower Mainland—Moderate winds, fresh on Straits, unsettled and cold, with rain or sleet.

Reports.

Victoria—Barometer, 29.64; temperature, 41; minimum, 38; wind, 28 miles S. W.; rain, 1.62; weather, fair.

New Westminster—Barometer, 29.58; temperature, 36; minimum, 36; wind, calm; rain, 1.00; weather, fair.

Kamloops—Barometer, 29.46; temperature, 26; minimum, 26; wind, calm; rain, .10; weather, cloudy.

Barkerville—Barometer, 29.48; temperature, 12; minimum, 10; wind, calm; snow, trace; weather, snow.

San Francisco—Barometer, 30.20; temperature, 52; minimum, 50; wind, 4 miles S. E.; rain, .01; weather, cloudy.

Edmonton—Barometer, 29.50; temperature, 2; minimum, 2; wind, 4 miles E.; weather, clear.

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WARSHIPS LEAVE FOR THE YANGTSE

BRITAIN INCREASING NAVAL FORCE THERE

Germany's Conditions For Evacuation of Shanghai—Officials Will Be Brought to Task.

According to a Hongkong telegram appearing in a number of the Oriental exchanges received by the steamer Olympia, England has, with a view to strengthening her naval force in the Yangtse, ordered the warships stationed at Hongkong to proceed thither. The Espiegle and the big cruiser Amphitrite have already sailed, and the battleship Albion and the cruiser Talbot are under preparations for departure. The large cruiser Blenheim, now in dock, will also leave for Shanghai shortly. It is conjectured that the dispatch of the fleet is not meant only for the Hunan affair in Szechuan province, but is connected with the question of the withdrawal of foreign troops from Shanghai.

Dispatches from Shanghai state that it is reported from Pekin that Germany's conditions for the evacuation of Shanghai intimate that Germany will participate in any reoccupation, and stipulate that China must not grant any other power preferential, political, military, maritime or economic advantages in the Yangtse valley for the right to occupy any point commanding the river. The French have made similar conditions, omitting, however, the word "economic."

The reason Germany, in unison with France, signed the agreement with Prince Cheng regarding the withdrawal of troops from Shanghai, is reported to be due to Germany's failure to place Chili and Shantung in the sphere of German influence. Since then Germany has been trying to defeat the English idea of a sphere of influence in the Yangtse valley, and this became evident when Great Britain commenced active movements regarding the Hunan affair. Germany then approached Prince Cheng with a proposal to evacuate Shanghai, the idea being to forestall other powers in their relations with China. It is however reported that Great Britain, having no further trouble in South Africa, will duly protect British interests in the Yangtse valley, insisting on a satisfactory settlement of the Hunan affair. This is why the question of a withdrawal of the foreign troops at Shanghai is at a standstill.

The Hunan Murders.

"The refusal of the Chinese authorities in Hunan to execute justice on the military officials at Chenchou who might have prevented, if they were not privy to the murders of Messrs. Bruce and Lewis," says the North China Daily News, "is not being passed over in silence by the British minister. The refusal of Sir Ernest Satow to attend the Emperor's reception was a salutary warning. The safety of all foreigners in Hunan and the West demand that an example shall be made of the guilty officials at Chenchou, and we are glad to learn that four British men-of-war, the Britomart, Phoenix, Rosario and Mutine, are to proceed at once to Hankow, where they will very probably be followed by Admiral Bridge. Chinese officials of the old stamp are beginning to think that for the sake of her trade Great Britain will accept any cavalier treatment, and our prestige has suffered already from our desire to handle China gently while she is in her present difficulties. Happily in Sir Ernest Satow we have a minister who will not put up with any evasion of our just demands, in matters where he is not hampered by international co-operation."

Barque's Misfortunes.

The Olympia brings news that the British bark Aberystwith Castle, from Newcastle, N. S. W., en route to Eureka, Cal., which left Celebes island on September 21st for Eureka, put into Yokohama in distress. She encountered a severe typhoon on October 14th, 250 miles off the Japanese coast, and all her topmasts, yards, sails and rigging were carried away. Captain Nillson is reported to have had considerable difficulty getting his ship to Yokohama, where she will be repaired.

Oriental newspapers report the discovery of a Japanese Klondike near Konagawa Ken, where a rich placer gold field has been discovered.

A disastrous fire occurred at Fusan on November 5th, which burned 300 houses and rendered 1,600 people homeless.

It is also reported that the Japanese trading schooner Aisaka Maru, which was known to have been off the Bonin islands during the recent eruptions, has been given up for lost. A Japanese warship found wreckage from the schooner near the islands.

Siberian Convicts Strike.

A Shanghai paper states that the Siberian convicts at the settlement of Alexandrosk have gone on a strike, refusing nourishment until more humanely treated. The paper quotes as authority a recent arrival from Siberia, who states that the convicts, mostly educated men undergoing sentence for political offences, are loaded with chains, herded in dark cells unprovided with sanitary arrangements, and are often not taken out of the cells for weeks at a time. Infectious diseases are reported to have broken out among them and the sick left to suffer in their cells, even the corpses being left to rot among the living.

Plague at Yokohama.

Another case of plague is reported at Yokohama, making two in all. The health authorities have started on a warfare of rat extermination. The total killed on the Sunday prior to the sailing of the steamer was 38,028.

HER MAJESTY'S BIRTHDAY.

Queen Alexandra is the eldest daughter of King Christian IX. of Denmark (who was Prince Christian of Schleswig-Holstein at the time of her birth, but ascended the throne of Denmark in 1863), and was born at Copenhagen on December 1st, 1844. Her full names are Alexandra Caroline Marie Charlotte Louise Julia.

Her first visit to England was paid to her venerable aunt, the Duchess of Cambridge, and thus began her lifelong friendship with the Duchess of Teck. As a child she was brought up to a simple out-of-door life with her brothers and sisters, and her mother conveyed to her much of her own talent in art, music and dressmaking.

When travelling on the continent with her father she met the Prince of Wales. The attraction between them was mutual and immediate, although no formal betrothal took place. It was in 1861 that they saw one another for the first time in the Cathedral at Worms. Soon afterwards the Prince Consort wrote: "The young people seem to have taken a warm liking for each other."

The engagement was announced on November 9th, 1862, and curiosity as to the heir-apparent's bride grew apace, reaching a climax in the following February, when the beautiful Princess Alexandra landed at Gravesend. The wedding was somewhat subdued in brilliance by the recent death of the Prince's father, but the scene in St. George's chapel was, nevertheless, very striking. "There were a great many handsome women present, but the Princess was far and away the prettiest person at her wedding," wrote Captain Charles Bagot on the event. Eight bridesmaids accompanied Princess Alexandra to the altar, and she was given away by her father. Each successive year has increased the Empire's affection for her who is now the Queen.

The details as to the Queen's family are to be found in the Duke's biography. It may be mentioned, however, that the Duke of Clarence's death was a terrible affliction to his mother, and for some time she was too sorrowful to make her retreat into public life.

In many ways Queen Alexandra has shown her deep sympathy with suffering. The great banquet to the poor at the time of the Diamond Jubilee, her frequent visits to hospitals, her willing patronage to efforts of philanthropy, have proved her kindly graciousness.

The death of her mother, Queen Louise of Denmark, was a sad bereavement in 1898, for she had been all her life the pivot of the home in Denmark, whither all her sons and daughters journeyed every summer with increasing delight.

Queen Alexandra has ably seconded King Edward's earnest efforts to follow in the footsteps of the illustrious and revered Queen Victoria, and her appearance by his side on state occasions has added charm and a dignity which has always distinguished her.

To say that the Queen is greatly beloved by the nation is to state a truism. She has always comanded the love and loyalty of the nation from the day that, as a sweet, charming girl, she came to share the heart and fortune of the Prince who has come to be our King.

The Queen rejoices to do good by stealth, and delightful chapters of her goodness of heart could be written were a tithe of these kindnesses made public. Stories do occasionally find their way into print; but more are kept from public, treasured as secret evidences of the Queen's warm-heartedness and splendid disposition. A very little time ago one of these instances came to light. A poor man, living in Kent, reduced to despair over the condition of his consumptive son, for whose proper care he had not the means to provide, wrote his sorrowful story to the Queen. Her Majesty caused inquiries to be instituted, and, finding the case one of real distress, had the lad conveyed to the Ventnor Home for Consumptives. The Queen defrayed all expenses, and is maintaining the unfortunate invalid there now. This is but one of a thousand such acts.

R. E. CHURCH BAZAAR.

Lieut.-Governor Will Open It To-Morrow Afternoon—Enjoyable Affair Promised.

Sound of voices and hammering have been heard to-day by people passing Philharmonic hall, and investigation proved that they were caused by the active preparations by the ladies of the Reformed Episcopal church for to-morrow's and Wednesday's bazaar under the distinguished patronage of Sir Henri and Lady Joly de Lotbiniere, and His Worship Mayor Hayward.

His Honor has kindly consented to open the sale at 3 o'clock on Tuesday.

All the details requiring so much thoughtful planning and skill in being able to carry out a big and elaborate undertaking have been mastered, and it only remains for the many friends and supporters of the church to follow the programme through each day's course in a practical manner, and so assist in making this year's bazaar one long to be remembered.

The evening attraction needs no advertisement, as "Jack the Giant Killer" will stand on its own merits. Admission each evening is placed at the low mark of 25 cents.

Luncheon on Wednesday from 12 to 2 will be a special feature, and accommodation is provided for large numbers of guests. There are many who will go up to the Fort street rendezvous as a matter of course to receive the annual welcome from a dozen fair hostesses, and new friends are also cordially invited.

Lifebuoy Soap—disinfectant—is strongly recommended by the medical profession as a safeguard against infectious diseases.

ST. ANDREW'S CONCERT.

Sons of Scotland Will Give Entertainment To-Morrow Evening in William Wallace Hall.

To-morrow evening Speyside Camp, No. 184, Son of Scotland, will give a St. Andrew's concert in Sir William Wallace Hall. Chief Black will occupy the chair. There will be no charge for admission. The programme will be as follows:

Selections on the Pipes ..... Piper J. McKenzie
Overture ..... W. Burns
Song ..... W. D. Kinnaird
Song ..... Lieut.-Col. Monro
Descriptive Song—Battle of Stirling Bridge ..... A. L. Brownlee
Ballad—Home They Brought Her Warrior Dead ..... Miss Zoe Bucknam
Recitation ..... Miss M. Cowper
Duet—Huntingtower .....
.....Miss Scowcroft and Mr. Kinnaird
Sword Dance.....Master Milton Douglas
Address ..... Rev. W. L. Clay
Selection from The Habitant .....
..... J. H. Rickaby
Piano Solo ..... Mrs. Douglas
Song ..... Mrs. Currie
Reading—Jeannie Deans ..... W. Allan
Duet—The Crookit Bawbee .... Anderson
Miss Zoe Bucknam and A. L. Brownlee.
Ballad—Because I Love You Dear....
..... Miss Alma Bucknam
Reading ..... Lieut.-Col. Monro
Song ..... J. Hector
Auld Lang Syne.

FREE LECTURE.

Professor Alexander at A. O. U. W. Hall To-Night.

To-night Professor Alexander gives his initial lecture at A. O. U. W. hall, and from remarks heard on all sides there will no doubt be a crowded house.

The lecturer has the happy faculty of combining humor and instruction in such a manner as to interest everybody. Four prominent citizens will be examined on the stage at the close. To-morrow night there will be another free lecture on "How All Can Succeed in Life."

John Scott, employed by A. R. Smith, liquor dealer at St. Thomas, was fatally injured while assisting to take a barrel of whiskey down the cellar stairs. The weight of the barrel overwhelmed him, and he fell to the floor with the barrel.

The Larrigan factory of J. S. Henderson, Parrsboro, N. S., was destroyed by fire on Friday, together with 20,000 pairs of larrigans. A hundred men are thrown out of work. The loss is $40,000, partly covered by insurance.

NEW STEAMER FOR THE SOUND ROUTE

VESSEL TO BE BUILT IN SEATTLE AT ONCE

Result of the Investigation Into Trader-Capital City Collision—Schooner Howe Jettisoned Cargo.

According to information now to hand it will be a brand new steamer that will be placed on the Victoria and Sound route in the spring. It was reported a few days ago that the vessel was to come from the Atlantic coast, but the announcement now comes from Seattle that the Alaska Steamship and Puget Sound Navigation Companies contemplate not only the construction of a steamer for this route, but for three others as well. Seven hundred thousand dollars are to be expended in the work.

Plans for the enlargement of the capital of both concerns were arranged by Charles E. Peabody, president of the Puget Sound Navigation Company and general manager of the Alaska Steamship Company, during his recent six weeks' visit to New York city.

The first of the series of contracts has been let to the Heffernan Iron Works. All four vessels are to be constructed at Seattle. The first is to be completed and ready for commission on May 1st, the second by July 1st, and the two others early in the fall. Three of the number are to be used in the Sound traffic. The fourth is to be specially constructed for the Lynn canal run.

The Alaska steamer, the plans and specifications for which are already drawn, as also those of the other three, is to be 240 feet long—greater in length than the Dolphin. She will carry 225 first-class passengers and 1,000 tons of freight, having a guaranteed speed of 14 knots an hour with such a load.

Two of the three Sound steamers are to be larger, faster and more modern in equipment and service than the Majestic, the newest and most comfortable vessel, probably, on the Sound at the present time. The smaller of these is to be 165 feet long,—greater in length than the Majestic. Plans for the fourth vessel have not been matured, beyond the fact that she is to be built.

All of the vessels are to be constructed of wood, it being impossible, practically, to get steel hulls built hurriedly at this time. They will be equipped with the latest improved machinery and electric lighted throughout.

In connection with the extension of the Alaska traffic, Mr. Peabody announced that he had perfected a charter arrangement whereby the well-known steamer Humboldt is to become one of the Alaska Steamship Company's fleet during the season of 1903. The Humboldt, which was operated by the company the past year, is now in San Francisco, but she will return to Seattle and resume the Lynn canal run possibly in January.

The steamer intended for service on the Victoria run will be the first constructed. She will be operated in conjunction with the steamer Majestic.

THE RECENT COLLISION.

The responsibility for the recent collision between Sound steamer Capital City and the British steamer Trader, of Victoria, is placed upon the master of the latter by the decision of Capts. Bryant and Cherry, constituting the Seattle board of United States marine inspectors of hulls and boilers. Additional responsibility is thrown upon Capt. Edwards, master of the Capital City, whose license is suspended for 30 days for violating of government marine regulations.

The decision in part reads:

"The vessels, in fact, must have been approaching each other nearly head and head, and under rule 1 of the Rules and Regulations, should have passed on the port side. It showed bad seamanship and a lack of knowledge of the water for Capt. Parsons, of the Trader, to attempt to crowd inside of the Capital City, as she was nearest to the shore, and, in fact, only about 1,000 feet off. There was a clear, open channel to port, and the Trader violated the Rules and Regulations by attempting to pass inside. Capt. Parsons should have given the port signal and passed outside.

"This places the responsibility for the collision upon the master of the steamer Trader, yet had Capt. Edwards, of the Capital City, acted promptly under rule 3 of the Rules and Regulations, he might have held his vessel, or have mitigated the damage the vessel sustained. Capt. Parsons erred in giving two blasts of the whistle to pass on the inside, and to starboard, and Capt. Edwards was wrong in replying to the signal before he sighted the Trader or her lights; he should have stopped his vessel to steerage way, and given the danger signal, four or more blasts of his whistle, as laid down in rule 3.

"We have no jurisdiction over Captain Parsons, of the Trader.

"We hereby suspend the license of Capt. Edwards, master of the Capital City, 30 days for violation of rule 3 of the 'Rules and Regulations for the Government of Pilots.'"

JETTISONED CARGO.

Private advices from San Francisco state that the schooner Frank W. Howe has arrived there, twenty-seven days from Hadlock. She is the vessel which lost her deckload of lumber and was sighted November 14th by the schooner Transit and the British ship M. E. Watson, thirty-five miles west southwest of Cape Flattery.

Capt. Burke, of the Howe, jettisoned 25,000 feet of the schooner's deckload. The Howe also lost her spanker, together with the boom and gaff.

LIGHTHOUSE FOR FLATTERY.

United States Senator A. G. Foster has addressed a letter to the chambers of commerce of Tacoma and Seattle asking for reasons that he can advance for the establishment of a life-saving station in the vicinity of Cape Flattery. The senator desires to show the tonnage passing in and out of the Straits, and wishes other statistics. There has been no life-saving station in this vicinity since the removal of the one from Neah Bay several years ago.

Attention has also been called to the fact that there is no lighthouse between Destruction Island and the entrance to Grays harbor, a distance of some 30 miles, although it has been the policy of the government to establish lighthouses every 15 miles along the coast. It will probably be suggested that Senator Foster recommend a lighthouse somewhere between these points also

PRESENTATION ON AORANGI.

At the conclusion of the last outgoing voyage of the R. M. S. Aorangi, Captain Phillips was presented with a handsome silver afternoon tea service, bearing the following inscription: "Presented to Capt. J. A. Sydney Phillips, by the passengers of the R. M. S. Aorangi in gratitude for his kindness during a safe and happy voyage from Canada to Australia, September and October, 1902."

Sir Edmond Barton, in making the presentation, on behalf of the passengers, referred in complimentary terms to the manner in which Captain Phillips, the officers and crew of the Aorangi had catered for the comfort and amusement o fthe passengers, and expressed the hope that when the Canadian-Australian S. S. Company substituted larger vessels for those now running, Captain Phillips would be the first to take command of one of them. Sir John Forrest and Sir James Fairfax also spoke in similar strain, the whole of the passengers frequently applauding, and bearing testimony to the excellent arrangements made on board for their welfare.

TAKEN TO VANCOUVER.

J. M. McIntosh, clerk of the police court, Vancouver, is reported to have purchased the steam launch Hollybank, which until recently plied on the Alberni canal and previous was the private launch of R. P. Rithet. The craft is 26 feet long on the keel, and is a very serviceable sea boat. Mr. McIntosh piloted the launch from Victoria himself. Rumor has it that he intends to embark in the trading business up Coast next spring, and that the launch is designed for use in this connection.

MARINE NOTES.

Capt. Ahlsvik, of the Russian ship Sylfid, which arrived here from Honolulu on Friday evening, is anxiously awaiting the arrival of the British barque Eudora, with which he was in company for ten days on the voyage. The Eudora left the same day as he did, and the two ships sailed side by side for days.

The Queen, which arrived from San Francisco on Saturday night, only carried a total of 62 passengers, a fact which indicates how travel with the south has lately been diverted from the ocean to the overland route. The City of Puebla sailed for the Golden Gate last night.

W. Johnston, a man living at Eagle Harbor, just north of the eastern entrance to Howe Sound, had an exceedingly narrow escape from drowning the other day. For two and a half hours he had been clinging to the bottom of an upturned fishing boat, when picked up by another fishing craft.

Steamer Amur will sail for Skagway to-night, and the Queen City, which was reported inbound from Carmanah this morning, will leave for Ahousaht and way ports to-morrow evening.

D. G. S. Quadra leaves for Hardy Bay to-morrow to locate site for a new wharf there. She will carry as a passenger Capt. William Meyer, of this city, who will assist in the work.

The United States ship Kenilworth, with general cargo for Vancouver from Hamburg, passed up from sea on Saturday afternoon.

NURSE'S GOOD WORDS.—"I am a professional nurse," writes Mrs. Elsner, Halifax, N. S. "I was a great sufferer from rheumatism—almost constant association with best physicians I had every chance of a cure if it were in their power—but they failed. South American Rheumatic Cure was recommended—to-day my six years of pain seem as a dream. Two bottles cured me. Sold by Jackson & Co. and Hall & Co.—106.

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THE VERY LATEST.

In accordance with anticipations, the Premier has temporarily relieved himself of embarrassment by appointing Mr. McInnes Provincial Secretary and Minister of Education. There will be no difficulty in inducing some supporter of the government to take the post of President of the Council. It may therefore be taken for granted that the formation of a government will be accomplished, and that it will meet the House whatever may be the result of the bye-elections.

It is expected that the election in North Nanaimo rendered necessary by the acceptance of a post of emolument by the member will be brought on immediately. There will be warm times there for a couple of weeks. We observe that some of our contemporaries have been sneering at the new Minister because of his youth and alleged lack of experience. We advise the members of the opposition who design to meet him on the platform not to presume to come unprepared for battle with this youth. He is a fighter of proved courage and ability. We think he made a mistake in joining the government, but there is no doubt that he will strengthen it nor that if it lives through the coming session a great deal of the credit for the prolongation of its life will be due to the Hon. W. W. B. McInnes.

If the Minister be defeated, Colonel Prior might as well give up the task he has so long intrigued for the honor of being entrusted with. Such a result would supply the clearest and most convincing evidence that the antagonism to the government is not sectional but general. But it is scarcely conceivable that it will be possible for the opposition to bring out a man strong enough to defeat Mr. McInnes.

SOME EFFECTS OF GOVERNMENT OWNERSHIP.

"Triumphant democracy" has received a salutary, and apparently not too sudden, check in Victoria, Australia. That is, if reliance is to be placed upon the reports of correspondents. They are oftimes prejudiced.

The people of the various provinces of Australia are very far advanced in their opinions. They believe in government ownership of public utilities, and they have not hesitated to authorise their representatives to give practical effect to their opinions. Recent developments in the socialistic South Seas settlements are liable to raise grave doubts as to whether the universal adoption of the principle of government ownership would bring about a political and industrial millennium.

The federation of the colonies transferred, or should have transferred, a large part of the machinery of government to the central authority. That should have necessitated retrenchment and reform of the civil service in the different states. But we know from experience in British Columbia that it is an easier and pleasanter task to load up the civil service with useless officials and saddle the taxpayers with constantly increasing liabilities than to wield with firm hands the axe of reform. That is a job for the strong hands of resolute men. The man for the occasion was forthcoming in Victoria at the right moment. He is not yet visible in British Columbia, but our case is scarcely as desperate yet as that of Victoria, and we may continue to look forward hopefully.

A correspondent of the Toronto Globe, writing from Sydney, says Victoria was fortunate in finding such a man as Irvine (the new Premier) for the task of the hour. For months he had sat obscurely in listless opposition to that lustrous demagogue, Sir Alexander Peacock. When in June the Peacock ministry tripped in a tangle of its own folly, this mild-mannered Mr. Irvine found himself called upon to form a government to meet the greatest crisis yet known in Victoria history. His opponents saw fit to make sport of his studious style, his nerveless voice, his spectacled face, his dispassionate manner. The papers pitied him for the heavy burden thrown upon his weak shoulders. But Mr. Irvine cared not for sport and asked not for pity. Then, addressing his constituents at Nhill, he outlined a policy of trenchent, economy and reform, beginning in Parliament itself and extending to every department of public affairs. When Parliament met the new Premier proved as good as his word. Without delay he introduced a comprehensive measure for sweeping reform, economic, administrative and constitutional. Within the limits of a single bill he proposed to reduce by nearly one-half both houses of the state legislature, to limit the number of ministers to seven, to establish woman suffrage in all state elections, to make the legislative council a democratic institution by abolishing all its property qualifications, to adopt the federal anti-deadlock machinery for making the two houses work in harmony, to institute a regime of economy in all departments of government, and to bring all public salaries over £125 under a scheme of proportionate reduction, beginning with the salaries of the ministers and the members themselves. When trimming politicians hesitated to adopt such an out-and-out measure, the house soon learned that it was led by a resolute man as well as one who was not entirely ignorant of the wiles of an astute politician. "Mr. Irvine gave the members to clearly understand that they must accept the government's bill as it stood or take the responsibility of making the ministers ask for a dissolution." Dissolution, as British Columbia has learned by dear-bought experience, "is the one thing that your paid legislator fears," and in this case all the enemies of reform had a special reason for preventing an appeal to the country.

The new Premier of Victoria, with a deficit of between three and four million dollars reported by the treasurer, was anxious that his scheme of reform should be brought into effect immediately. The paid legislators, nearly half of whom were to lose their seats under the new scheme of distribution, were anxious to retain their jobs and live upon the public as long as possible. They resolved, therefore, to give a general support to the government and deprive it of any excuse for an appeal to the country. And here it was that the mild-mannered man in spectacles displayed his talents as a tactician. He laid a trap for the opposition, which unexpectedly found itself in a majority on a motion to raise the salary limit which should be exempt from reduction. The House was dissolved imediately. The opposition to the government went to pieces, and in the new legislature the reforming Premier has a majority of thirty-seven over all possible combinations. As the correspondent says, "The boastful alliance between the labor socialists and the civil servants was taught that it does not yet control the political fortunes of Victoria." Already other reforms in addition to the reduction of the membership of the House have been begun. The Minister of Railways has taken the lead by abolishing all free passes on the government roads. The Governor-General, the judges, the members of Parliament, and all the host of other privileged worthies, must pay their fares or be put off at the next station.

Government ownership brings problems in its train. Some reformers have advocated the disfranchisement of civil servants. Mr. Irvine apparently does not think it would be wise to adopt such a radical measure of relief to guard against combinations and conspiracies. He has introduced a bill to segregate the state employees, as it were, and give them separate representation. And he is so determined that his measure of relief shall become law that he has declared his purpose to resign if it be rejected by the House. It is imperative, says the Premier, that the state's natural resources shall be relieved of the constant pressure of increases of the civil servants' salaries.

Government ownership in democratic countries, where political cliques and combinations are formed that are considered dangerous to oppose or offend, is evidently not yet an ideal state.

It is not surprising that the British and American lines of transatlantic steamers do not care to enter into the contest for supremacy in point of speed. The ratio of increase of coal consumption for every additional knot of speed above a certain rate is calculated to counsel moderation. It is said that should the two new fast steamers the Cunard company proposes to build come up to expectations in point of speed, they will each be capable of making the transatlantic trip in about four days and fifteen hours. This is figured on an estimated speed of twenty-five knots over the short course of 2,780 miles between New York and Queenstown. In order to attain this speed, the monster vessels, which are to be 725 feet long, with a displacement of about 27,500 tons, will have to consume about 650 tons of coal each day. Should the price of coal be normal when the vessels go into commission, which is about $5 a ton for the eastward voyage and $4 a ton for the westward, it can be easily figured out what a sum will be necessary in order to get enough fuel to develop the steam required to propel the vessels. On the $5-a-ton basis, the liners will, on the voyage from New York to Queenstown, use in fuel about $3,250 a day, while the outlay for the transatlantic passage will be about $14,625. For the run this way, and paying $4 a ton for coal, the expense will be $2,600 a day, while for the voyage the total will be about $11,700.

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In a letter to the Province Dr. T. R. McInnes says he is opposed to the Laurier government. He puts it this way:

"Inasmuch as I for years urged British Columbians to support Laurier because he promised that so soon as he attained power he would give them Chinese exclusion, full cabinet representation and a mint—so now I will ask them to show their resentment of the way in which they have been deceived and cheated in every one of these matters by the Laurier administration."

He denies the suggestion of personal pique and disappointment, and claims to be actuated solely by high principle and lofty ideals. Evidently the Doctor is bidding for the Conservative nomination. The Liberals of Vancouver will be pleased to have this plain statement from Dr. McInnes, as they have had some doubt up to the present time as to how they should classify that gentleman. As he in effect says he is going to help the Conservatives he will not expect and is not likely to receive any Liberal assistance.

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Football as she is played in the United States is a very strenuous game. At least six young fellows have been killed in action during the present season, dozens seriously injured, and scores laid on the shelf with broken limbs and contusions. During the big college games stretcher-carriers were kept busy, and there were relays of players lined around the grounds ready to take the places of those who fell in the fray. The prize-ring kills its man occasionally; the football square exacts a much heavier toll. In the one case the combatants meet for the avowed purpose of fighting; in the other they conceal their purpose under the name of a pastime which was at one time a game of science and skill.

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Queen Alexandra of Great Britain and of the British dominions beyond the seas is celebrating the fifty-eighth anniversary of her birth to-day. It is a great many years since she left the island home of her youth, joyous in love and beauty, to become the bride of our present King. She has never faltered in duty and devotion, nor has the heart of her people ever departed from her. She is yet one of the most beauteous figures in her court, notwithstanding that the years are increasing upon her head. Long may she reign!

FROST-BITTEN.

Nelly Hart Woodworth in Boston Journal.

O vagrant winds! be kind to the chilled leaves
That cling so lightly to the sheltering bough,
So soon to lose their clasp; breathe low, breathe low,
Thy every breath the parent bough bereaves.

They knew the Spring—the woodthrush played the flute
That called them forth to battle with the storm.
They laughed at danger, cared not for alarm,
Fearless in tempest, in the calm so mute.

Among these leaves the bird with fiery breast
Swung a safe cradle for her noisy young.
Among these leaves their wedding bells were rung,
And these were given to hide a robin's nest.

O winds of time! be kind to us, we cling
Unto life's bough chilled by the early cold,
Trodden so soon into the earth's dark mold,
Waiting the Summer—the awakening.

A PRICELESS HERITAGE.

Toronto Globe.

Dr. Goldwin Smith jocularly promised to bequeath his brain to a Cornell professor who is making a collection of such intellectual furnishings, and as he now finds that his friend took the offer quite seriously he is disposed to stand by it. If Dr. Smith could bequeath along with the material substance of which the brain is composed all the garnerings of his 60 or 70 scholarly years we know a number of people who would consider it the richest heritage as yet devised in this province.

THE TAX ON CEREALS.

Toronto Globe.

We are asked to believe that the British government raised $15,000,000 from the tax on cereals, and that no one was a cent out on the transaction. Oh, for other taxes of a similar innocuous nature.

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(On Her Birthday.)

In days of yore, from hill to hill, the fires
Of watchers blazed, and bells, they rang throughout
The land, the call to arms:

Then mothers quail'd,
Lest doughty sons to foeman's steel their lives
Should yield, and maidens prayed their lovers bold
As victors crowned, their willing hands should claim.
Then horsemen urged with bloody spurs o'er hill
And dale, their flagging steeds, whose trembling limbs
Could scarce support the heaving flanks, as through
The steep-wrapped towns they sped in eager haste
With clattering hoofs, whose din well-nigh did drown
The riders' fearsome cry—"The Danes, the Danes
Have come!"

Then forges blazed and anvils rang
The clanging hymn of war, and swords were wrought
And spears were sharped, and armor made anew,
And arrows sought their empty sheaths, as bows
Were bent by stalwart arms in graceful curves;
Whilst mothers clasped in fondling arms their babes,
And bathed with sacred tears their rosy cheeks;
But checked with stern control the rising flood,
And bade, with eyes ablaze, their lords to war;
And mow the swath of death, through breast-plate, helm,
And casque, and harvest reap of victory.
But when the last lips met in fond embrace,
The last proud banner floated out of sight,
The last faint sound of echoing footsteps ceas'd,
And babbling bills no more did voice a sound,
Aught but the raven's croak;

So then their tears,
Long captive kept, their bounds did break afresh,
And wailing sobs with raven's croak did mix,
And prattling hills again found tongues to voice,
Not trumpets bray, or clang of steel, but cries
Of plaint and woe; and sobs and sighs replac'd
The joyful sound of dancing feet, erstwhile
The summer's breeze as willing burden bore.
At last the weary arms of death refus'd
His blunted scythe to longer wield.

No more
The clash of armed hosts with horrid din
The matron's cheeks with cruel woe made pale,
Or streaming tears out-blot the maiden's blush;
No more its thirsty lips, the sword bestrew'd
With gore of battling hosts, or fainting arms
Upheld the shield the mur'drous blows to ward,
But wives with joyful song the distaff plied,
Whilst patt'ring feet of happy children sang
Their mirthful tune, through house and field and glebe,
And ripening grain with gentle whisper crown'd
With gold the willing head of peace, and humm'd
The hymn of praise.
Now changed the times—

No more
Th' invaders' feet the budding roses crush
With cruel tread, or ravish o'er the fields
Of Albion's Isles, nor ravens croak and hold
Their carnival of death, but cushats coo
In shady groves their sacrament of love.
Once more were flutt'ring banners spread,

Once more
From hill to hill the blazing fires were seen,
And then the cry went forth o'er isles and seas—
"The robber Dane is rifling through the land
And steals our Prince's heart."

Oh gentle thief!
You've stole not one, but all the Empire's hearts,
And with each throb the silver chain that binds
Our hearts to you entwines its links with wreaths
Of hope that Winter's storms may long defer
To sere your coming years, and that our hearts
May wish you joy on many natal days.

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Victoria, B. C.

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WRITE:
The lad will meet me in the lane.
READ:
Try to write: Cat, rat, mat, gate, Kate, ear, mere, game, came, ran, law, Ted, dead, eel, gay, kneel, near, rear, etc.
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City News in Brief.

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—Herr Wilhelm Peters, practical pianomaker and tuner, tunes, regulates and thoroughly renovates pianos. Address: Hibben & Co., Government St. •

—The fourth annual dinner of Post No. 1, Native Sons of British Columbia, which is to be held in the Victoria hotel to-night, promises to be a very enjoyable affair. The committee in charge has made elaborate arrangements.

—Fully four hundred guests were present at a very enjoyable "At Home" given by His Honor the Lieut.-Governor and Lady Joly at Government House last Friday evening. Music was furnished by the Fifth Regiment orchestra.

—The regular monthly consecration meeting of the James Bay Epworth League will be held in the league room this evening, commencing at 8 o'clock sharp. Subject: "Prayer a Necessity." All members and friends are cordially invited to be present.

—St. James congregation will give an "At Home" in the A. O. U. W. hall on Wednesday, December 17th. The congregation are making the necessary preparations for the event, and will welcome at luncheon and high tea their patrons and friends. Music and ping pong will be provided during the evening.

—Evangelistic services will be held in the Metropolitan Methodist church every night this week except Saturday. The auditorium is being used for these meetings, with the choir in attendance. An invitation is extended to all to be present. The pastor, Rev. E. S. Rowe, will give an address to-night entitled "Is it good and does it pay to have a wide-open city?"

—On Monday next at Sidney, Herbert Cuthbert, travelling representative of the Tourist Association, will deliver an illustrated lecture on "British Columbia and the Great West, or a Tour Through Western Canada With the British Journalists." This lecture will be practically a consolidation of all those already given by him dealing with the grain producing areas of the Northwest, the mineral, fisheries and timber resources of the province and its innumerable advantages as a tourist country. Special attention will be devoted to Victoria and the Island.

—A debate on "Compulsory Arbitration" was the principal feature of Saturday night's meeting of the Provincial Progressive party. A vote wasn't taken, but consensus of opinion favored compulsory arbitration provided a disinterested chairman of the arbitration board could be appointed. Ald. Yates will be invited to the next meeting Friday night, December 12th, when "Plank No. 16 Referendum" will be the subject of discussion. As will be remembered Ald. Yates was the father of the motion advocating the adoption of the referendum by the council, a motion which was adopted.

—Where shall I insure my life? Select a company in which the rights and privileges of policy-holders are supreme; in which no other interest than that of policy-holders is to be considered or cared for; in which no separate and antagonistic interest can possibly exist. There is one, and only one, such Canadian company, and that is the Mutual Life of Canada, now in its 33rd year. It is established on the purely mutual plan. Its policy-holders—and they alone constitute the company—control its management, elect its directorate, and receive all its profits. R. L. Drury, Provincial Manager, 34 Broad street. •

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—More than eight hundred people enjoyed the concert given by the Fifth Regiment band in the drill hall on Saturday night. The programme, as usual, was an excellent one, all the numbers being heartily received. The extra attraction, the basketball match between the James Bay and Victoria West teams, aroused much enthusiasm. A description of the game appears in the sporting columns of this paper. A couple of special concerts will be given on Wednesday and Thursday evenings when the Athens team, of Oakland, will meet Victoria players, contesting first with the J. B. A. A. five and on Thursday with the Fernwood team.

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—If you want a beautiful everlasting porcelain wreath, call and see them at Stewart's Granite and Marble Works, Yates street. •

—A district league Association football match was played on Saturday afternoon at Work Point barracks between the Capitals and the Barracks team, resulting in a win for the latter by a score of 10 to nil.

—The steamer Queen City returned from the West Coast this afternoon after a stormy trip. She reports having sighted no vessels on the Coast, and having heard nothing of the overdue sealing schooner South Bend.

—The manager of the Home for the Aged and Infirm acknowledges with thanks the recipt of the following donations: Pears, Mrs. Pemberton, Mrs. George Carter; newspapers, Mrs. L. J. Quagliotti, N. Shakespeare and George Marsden.

—The regular meeting of the Friendly Help Association will be held to-morrow, Tuesday morning, at 11 o'clock, in room 37, market hall. All members are earnestly requested to attend, as business of importance, in connection with the Christmas arrangements will be discussed.

Capt. Ahlsvik, of the Russian ship Sylfid, which arrived from San Francisco a few days ago, reports that the two schooners in the Straits are topmasters. This disposes of the rumor that the South Bend is in the immediate locality unless the favorable winds of today has brought her in from sea.

—The past month has been extremely light for the firemen. There have been only two alarms. The first was at 6.30 p. m. on the 11th, when the department was called to a slight blaze in C. W. Minor's store on Yates street. There was no loss. The second fire was on Saturday morning ata the First Presbyterian church; loss, $100. A fire drill was held on Saturday afternoon.

The funeral of the late Charles Birch took place yesterday afternoon from the parlors of the B. C. Funeral & Furnishing Company at 2.30 p.m. Members of the Fraternal Order of Eagles attended in a body. Religious services were conducted by the worthy president, G. W. Wood, assisted by J. Wachter, chaplain. The pall-bearers were: W. E. Wheeler, W. Dempster, P. Christensen, S. A. Bantly, H. Petticrew and W. N. Tyson.

—At St. John's church yesterday evening the first of the series of Advent organ recitals was given at the conclusion of the evening service, when, in addition to the four organ solos by the organist, A. Longfield, Mrs. Clyde sung a solo founded on the text "Oh, That I Know Where I Might Find Him," in a very effective manner, and Mrs. Harry Young, who possesses a good soprano voice, gave the composition of Mendelssohn's "O For the Wings of a Dove" in a most artistic manner. F. Waddington sang "Rock of Ages" by W. H. Jude, every word being clearly articulated, which added greatly to the effectiveness of the solo.

—"Lost River" in Southern Indiana flows near the fashionable West Baden springs where cultured folks gather to recuperate. They are in strong contrast to the native characters who live their lives in the narrow confines of Lost River valley. Characters from both classes are drawn by Joseph Arthur in his scenic melodrama, "Lost River." There are excellent mechanical effects in the play, three thoroughbred horses, a herd of sheep, a quartette of hoboes and a country "orchestry," while the scenery is the most elaborate and costly which a play of this class has ever been invested with. "Lost River" will appear at the Victoria theatre to-night.

—A Vancouver paper on Saturday announced that the British Columbia government had that day "issued a report on the mining situation which shows a promising outlook for the British Columbia mines. The article then deals with the production of gold in the Boundary, Cariboo and Atlin; coal in the Similkameen, activity in the Slocan, etc., etc. This is all very interesting, but it couldn't have been gleaned from any recent report from the provincial government, simply because none has been issued. In fact the provincial mineralogist would like to get hold of the correct figures at present, as it would greatly assist him in the preparation of a report on which he is now engaged.

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SOLE AGENTS

HE STOLE MONEY FROM BOMBARDIER

OFFICER'S SERVANT TO SERVE THREE MONTHS

Protested His Innocence to the Last, but Evidence Against Him Was Circumstantial.

Algernon Eccelston, servant of Lieut. Knox, of H. M. S. Grafton, was this morning sentenced to three months' imprisonment with hard labor for the theft of $25 from John Sullivan, acting bombardier on the flagship. The accused protested his innocence to the last despite the overwhelming evidence that was adduced against him. Geo. Powell had been retained by Lieut. Knox to look after his employee's case, but during its progress formally withdrew. It is understood that Mr. Powell, observing that his client's chances of acquittal were extremely precarious, advised him to plead guilty, and the accused disregarded this advice.

In convicting him the magistrate pointed out that although no one saw him actually put his hands into Sullivan's pocket the evidence nevertheless was overwhelmingly against him, and the court had no other alternative than to find him guilty. He gave the prisoner an opportunity to make restitution by returning to Sullivan the money stolen from him if it was still in the prisoner's custody. As it wasn't proven that the money found belonged to the complanant the magistrate had no power to order the return of any of it to Sullivan.

The circumstances of the case are as follows: Sullivan, Eccelston, the accused, and a number of men were drinking at the Coach and Horses saloon, Esquimalt road, on Friday night last. Sullivan, who had received $28.45 in wages that day paid for the drinks, and in doing so drew out his money, which consisted of four five dollar gold pieces and four dollars in silver. The accused was standing near and saw him pay. During this period of convivial pleasure Sullivan and a nurse of the Naval hospital became involved in a row, and with the others went outside to settle the difference in a "square up." Before doing so he collected his money and put it in a service envelope, which he placed in one of his coat pockets. He then took off his overcoat and tunic and left them both on the bar.

While they were outside the bartender and Mrs. Simpson, proprietress of the Coach and Horses, saw Eccelston return and walk toward the coat. As their attention was diverted by the trouble outside they paid no attention to him, in fact their backs were turned toward him while he was standing near the coat. Eccelston was in the room several minutes, and left just as the others were coming in. Sullivan detected the loss of his money immediately on his return and reported it to the bartender.

Suspicion fell on Eccelston, and next morning Constable Campbell, who was notified, told him that he was accused of the theft. The latter strenuously denied the accusation, and was very willing that they should search his room at Clayton's, where he has been lodging. While making the search Constable Campbell discovered in his trousers pocket the service envelope in which Sullivan had placed his money the night before. He at once asked Eccelston how the envelope happened to be there, and the latter fainted. After he had recovered the constable put him under arrest. Eccelston then got on his hands and knees and implored them to let him off offering Sullivan and the constable £50 if they would do so. He subsequently said if they would give him a chance he would get the money.

They then proceeded toward the house of Eccelston's employer, Lieut. Knox, and on the way the prisoner made a dash for the woods. He was speedily caught, and had a number of fainting spells. When they arrived at the Victoria house, where Lieut. Knox is staying, the prisoner made another attempt to escape. He appeared particularly anxious to go up to the lieutenant's room in company with the officer, but would not accompany Constable Campbell there. The latter refused to let him out of his sight. Ultimately the constable took his prisoner to town in a hack.

On Saturday afternoon some money, including a number of gold pieces, was found in the lieutenant's room, where it had been concealed by Eccelston. He stoutly asserted that this money was his own. On the witness stand he protested his innocence. He admitted having been at the Coach and Horses on Friday night. He didn't remain with the party, because he didn't want to see a fight. As he was walking away from the place a man passed him dropping an envelope. He picked it up and called out to the man, but the latter did not hear. That was how the envelope happened to be in his pocket.

As before stated he was convicted and sentenced to three months' imprisonment with hard labor. Since his arrest he has told a number of different stories concerning the affair, and his version on the witness stand to-day varied considerably from all the others.

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BLACK CLOTH COSTUMES, with silk medallions. Regular price $25. SALE PRICE $15.00

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GREY CHEVIOT SERGE DRESS SKIRTS. Regular price $2.50. SALE PRICE $1.50

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$2.50 Ladies' Eiderdown Dressing Sacques For $1.75

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FUR NECK RUFFS. SALE PRICE 75c

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—The steamer Edith came in from the Sound this morning and is now in the dry dock, where a survey of her injuries will be made as soon as the water about her has been pumped out. The repairs on the ship are to be effected by the Esquimalt Marine Railway Company, while Frank York has the contract for the docking and painting of the steamer. The extent of the damage done to the ship could not be determined while she was afloat, and Capt. Hall is puzzled to know the cause of the accident. He says the steamer started to fill while off the Cape without any apparent reason. He says that his vessel could not be accommodated on the Sound. Morans, of Seattle, would not take her, while the Quartermaster's dock at Tacoma would not receive the vessel while there was any coal in her.

—Rev. Canon Newton will deliver a series of lectures in St. Barnabas church on Wednesdays during Advent. This Wednesday's subject will be "The Interest of Heaven in the Affairs of Earth." The lecture will be commenced at 7.30 o'clock.

WHOLESALE MARKET.

The following quotations are wholesale prices paid for farm produce this week:

	Victoria produce
Potatoes (new), per ton	$ 12.00
Carrots, per 100 lbs.	60
Turnips, per 100 lbs.	60
Parsnips, per 100 lbs.	1.00
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Butter (dairy), per lb.	20
Eggs (ranch), per doz.	50
Chickens, per doz.	3.50@ 6.00
Hay, per ton	11.00
Oats, per ton	22.50
Barley, per ton	26.00
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EXPLORER'S VISIT TO STRANGE LAND

TELLS OF SCENES IN HEART OF PATAGONIA

Thousands of Square Miles of Unexplored Forest—Characteristic of Welsh Colony.

In viewing the recent announcement that the Welsh colony in Patagonia proposes to emigrate to Canada, the following from the London Daily Express will be read with general interest. The Express says:

Mr. Hesketh Prichard's great work on Patagonia is published to-day by Mr. William Heinemann. It is a book which promises to be the classic of that strange South American country, about which little is known to the world in general.

In June, 1900, Professor Ray Lankester, the director of the British Museum of Natural History, said in a lecture delivered before the Zoological Society that it was quite possible that the mylodon—the giant sloth—still existed in some of the mountainous regions of Patagonia. In the interests of science the Express fitted out an expendition and entrusted Mr. Hesketh Prichard with the task of discovering, if it were possible, some trace of this pre-historic animal.

It became necessary for this expedition to penetrate as far as possible into the interior of Patagonia; and though the search for the giant sloth resulted in no success, Mr. Prichard was able to collect much valuable information concerning the country and its people, which he now sets forth ably and clearly in this book.

Mr. Prichard made two new discoveries. He found a hitherto unclassified variety of the Patagonian puma, which, according to the natives, is very rare, being much fiercer, of a reddish color, and somewhat smaller than the common grey species. This he has named "Felis concolor Pearsoni."

On the outer edge of the Cordilleras he came across a lake marked on no map previously. This he named "Lake Pearson." The scene among these wild mountain solitudes is well described in the following passage: "From afar the forests appear to rim the slopes and spurs of the Cordillera with a seemingly impenetrable mass of blackness, reaching towards and often running up into the snow line. As you approach the color assumes its true hue, a deep, dense green, a green that seems to have the quality of absorbing light, so that as you gaze upon the expanse of foliage stretching back into the distances fold upon fold, where the valleys and mountain sides close in behind each other, an impression of gloom and mystery lays hold upon your mind."

There are many thousands of square miles of unexplored forest in Patagonia. It is a region unknown and mysterious. No man lives there, and it is doubtful whether man ever has lived there, for there is a total absence of animal life on which he might have subsisted.

Mr. Prichard paid a visit to Trelew, the Welsh colony in Patagonia, where he remarks on the influence of the new conditions of existence so different from that of the Welsh peasant in his own country: "The older and the younger generation are unlike each other, and will probably continue to become more so as time goes on. Physically, the younger people are far better developed than their elders—red-faced, open-eyed, straight-backed boys in big felt hats, each with a bright-colored handkerchief knotted round his neck and a guanaco-wool poncho hanging from his shoulders." From Trelew the party started for their long trek to the wilds.

A Dying Race.

There is a very interesting chapter on the manners and customs of the Tehuelches, a race of Indian which is dying out. Indeed, Mr. Prichard states it is probable that he may be their last chronicler. Alcohol is at the root of this rapid extinction. The Tehuelches believe in good spirits and devils. The dominant Spirit of Evil is called "Gualicho." They spend no small portion of their time in either fleeing from his wrath or in propitiating him. "You may wake in the dawn to see a band of Indians suddenly rise and leap upon their horses and gallop away across the pampa howling and gesticulating. They are merely scaring Gualicho away from their tents back to his haunts in the Cordillera."

According to Tehuelche belief the Good Spirit created the animals in a cave in a certain mountain called "God's Hill," and gave them to his people for food.

Woman holds a comparatively high place among these Patagonian Indians. She does the cooking, but little else that can be called hard work. Polygamy is allowed, but is very seldom practised. The men spend most of their time on horseback, and have almost lost the walking capabilities of other men.

Patagonian Game.

Mr. Prichard did much shooting—in fact, for many weeks he and the other members of the expedition were dependent on their gun and rifle for meat. The guanaco, or lama, is the commonest form of game. Herds of these peculiar animals graze all over the plains of Patagonia. In some parts they are wild, and need a lot of stalking, and in others they are tame and easily shot.

The huemul is a deer peculiar to the Southern Cordillera. They do not carry a very fine head, eight points being considered a very good trophy. Huemuls are in general very confiding, for their range is confined for the most part to districts where they seldom see man. Pumas are very common and will occasionally attack a man. The Cordillera wolf is utterly fearless, and will, if approached too closely, prepare to give battle.

Some excellent sport with wild geese and wild duck was had by Mr. Prichard nearer the coast. Snipe were also plentiful.

Wild cattle also gave Mr. Prichard some exciting moments. Both bulls and cows are very savage, and will not hesitate to charge a man. The heads are splendid trophies. Ostriches were hunted down, giving good sport. Of the condor, Mr. Prichard writes: "Seen against the pale hue of the sky, its stately flight and grand spread on motionless wings made it seem a noble animal, but near by it shared the repulsive appearance of other carrion-eaters. In size it is enormous."

No Past, Much Future.

It is impossible in a brief notice of a standard work to do more than merely draw attention to the different points upon which the author touches. Mr. Prichard speaks of the deserted appearance of Patagonia. There are no ruins, no signs of ancient cities, or of previous civilization, visible anywhere, but in spite of all this, he believes a great future lies before the country.

It is almost impossible to tell what enormous number of sheep and cattle Patagonia could produce for the providing of the world, if capital and enterprise would but pave the way.

It enjoys a fine climate, which, in spite of hard winters, is exceptionally healthy. Patagonia cries aloud for railway enterprise to become its salvation; nevertheless, even now it is a good country for a man ready and able to work. A capable man would make £6 a month and his keep, but he must know the work required of him.

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The candidates named for Saskatoon electoral division of the Northwest legislative assembly are James Clinskill, merchant, and Benjamin Shubb, real estate agent. Both are supporters of the Haultain government. Polling takes place on December 9th.

SPORTING

BASKETBALL.

SATURDAY'S MATCH.

Those who were at the drill hall on Saturday evening saw one of the fastest and most exciting basketball matches of the senior series yet played. The Victoria West and J. B. A. A. proved to be about the most evenly matched teams of the league. The Bays forced the play throughout, but in spite of their endeavors, at half time the score was even. In the second half the aggressive play of the boys in blue and white was continued, the guards at the same time checking the two Fairalls with such persistency that they were able out very seldom to find an opening for shooting. These tactics won the match for the Bays in the second half, the score in their favor being 10 to 7.

Although the match was exceedingly interesting it was marred by several unpleasant incidents. Referee O'Sullivan had his hands full, and it is to his credit that it can be said that every evidence of unruliness was handled with excellent judement and firmness. Encouraging applause lends to the excitement of a game and is not objectionable, but the "hoots" that marked a decision of a free shot given in favor of either teams with the evident object of confusing the player taking the shot is not only discreditable to those responsible, but is decidedly unfair to the players and fully warranted the action taken by the referee in discontinuing the game until such unseemly noise had subsided. The action of C. Fairall in attacking his check, Finlaison, in the middle of the game was inexcusable, as was also that of W. Fairall in backing his brother up by assaulting the same player.

The teams faced each other shortly after 8 o'clock. James Bay was noticably changed, the forwards being Jesse and Belyea, with Frank Smith centre, and Finlaison and Pettingell, guards. On the Victoria West team were the two Fairalls, forwards; T. Crocker, centre, and Andrews and McNeil, guards. The game was contested in a clean and sportmanlike manner in the first half. The Fairalls did their best to run up their scoring account, but were so well checked by Pettingell and Finlaison that only three points were made. The efforts of F. Smith and H. Jesee, for the Bays, backed up by the splendid support rendered by Finlaison and Pettingell, enabled them to make the score even before the finish of the first half.

For the first half of the second portion of the match the play was much the same. In the commencement one of the teams had secured a free shot putting them one point in the lead. This made the excitement more intense. Both teams, however, scored again from the field. At this point the Fairalls and Finlaison had to retire, and their places were taken by T. Cessford and G. Andrews, for Victoria West, and Nip Gowen for the Bays. The Bays were now in the lead, and their tactics were changed. Jesse played guard, and the boys in blue put up a largely defensive game. At times, however, they were pushed hard, Cessford and Andrews doing some good work. Time was called shortly after the James Bay winning by a score of 10 to 7. Referee O'Sullivan gave good satisfaction as referee. Sam Lorimer and McDonald acted as umpires.

JUNIOR LEAGUE.

This evening at the V. A. C. hall a meeting of those interested in the formation of a junior league will be held. The schedule will be drafted and other necessary business transacted.

GAME DEFAULTED.

"It was a very much disappointed crowd of spectators that filed out of the drill hall on Saturday night after the promenade concert. There was a huge crowd present to witness the much-talked-of basketball match betwgen the military team sof New Westminster and Vancouver, but the game failed to materialize, and the crowd felt greatly disappointed, as they expected to see a fine exhibition of basketball.

"It all happened this way: The New Westminster team came over on the 7 o'clock car and at once repaired to the drill hall to prepare for the game. When the Vancouver five made their appearance on the floor they were given a huge reception, but the boys from the Royal City were not to be seen. They stated shortly before the game was scheduled to start that they would not accept Charles E. Shawl as referee, on the ground that he had not been officially appointed.

"In explanation of their action, the members of the visiting team stated that at the association meeting in this city last month, Sergeant-Major Bundy, of the local militia, was appointed the official referee for Vancouver, and that they would not accept anyone but him. The local officials of the regimental team would not give in to the visitors, so the referee, Mr. Shawl, gave the game to Vancouver, by default, 2 points to nil.

"The local boys state that they sent a letter to Alex. Turnbull, of the Westminster five, last Wednesday, notifying him that Sergeant-Major Bundy had resigned his office as an official referee, and that Mr. Shawl would act in that capacity. Then, naturally, the locals took silence for consent, and no more was heard of the matter until the New Westminster team refused to play a few minutes before the game was called. This is poor sport on the visitors' side, and the spectators were very much disappointed at the stand they took." —Vancouver News-Advertiser.

So far the playing of the games of the Inter-regimental league has not progressed very satisfactorily. Out of three games two have been defaulted, one by Victoria at New Westminster, and one by Westminster at Vancouver. Next Saturday evening in connection with the regular Fifth Regiment band concert the Garrison and Victoria teams will meet in the fourth game of the series.

GOLF.

MEETING TO-NIGHT.

A meeting of the Victoria Golf Club will be held this evening for the purpose of considering the revisal of the constitution.

CRICKET.

COMMITTEE MEETING.

At the Balmoral hotel to-night the executive committee of the Victoria Cricket Club will meet to consider matters in connection with the leasing of grounds of the Jubilee hospital for use as a cricket crease during the coming season.

THE OAR.

CORNELL WILL NOT ENTER.

London, Nov. 28.—In view of the possibility that the stewards of Henley regatta will, at their meeting on December 12th, propose a new rule aiming to exclude from participation in the contests crews which have been coached by professionals within a month of the opening of the regatta, it is understood that friends of Cornell University here will advise Cornell that its entry is not wanted. It is said here that Cornell is likely to abide by that advice and not enter a crew.

THE HUNT.

ENJOYABLE RUN.

One of the fastest runs of the season was enjoyed by members of the Hunt Club last Saturday afternoon. A start was made from the Royal Oaks at 3 p. m., the hares having the usual five minutes' start. After about 40 minutes, without a check, the hares just managed to reach cover by 30 seconds. Next Saturday the run will commence from Mrs. Beaven's, Oak Bay Road.

HOCKEY.

MATCH DEFAULTED.

The league match scheduled to take place between the Navy and Victoria teams last Saturday afternoon at Oak Bay was defaulted by the sailors. This is explained by the fact that the greater number of the players belong to H. M. S. Grafton, which is leaving to-day for the south, and they had duties that necessitated their remaining on board ship.

A pleasant and profitable practice was, however, indulged in by the members of the ladies' team and the gentlemen. The ladies are training hard for the game with the Vancouver ladies here on Saturday, the 13th.

CRICKET.

INDOOR GAME.

Dr. W. G. Grace appears to have succeeded where others have failed in adapting cricket to indoor play. On Friday, at Wisden's show rooms, an exhibition was given by him, his son, Mr. C. H. Grace, and Mr. G. W. Beldam, among others, of 'Cricket, a game for the table.' By means of a spring and a slide the bowler, after a little practice, can vary his pace and length with considerable accuracy, with the result that the batsman has to develop considerable skill to keep the ball off his wicket. Small nets are placed in the positions usually adopted by fielders at the real game, and if the ball lodges therein the batsman is given out. Posts are arranged round the field of play, and their position defines the score of each stroke." —London Times.

RUGBY FOOTBALL.

EXCELLENT PRACTICE.

On Saturday afternoon at the Caledonia grounds the senior and intermediate Rugby players had a very profitable practice. Teams were picked from all those present and a hard game was played. It is expected that the teams will go to Vancouver on the 13th, and have therefore not a great deal of time to get in trim for the struggles. As has already been mentioned it is the intention of the three teams, the seniors, intermediates and juniors, to go to the Mainland on the same date.

VICTORIA v. NANAIMO.

There is a probability that the Nanaimo intermediate team will visit Victoria on Saturday next for the purpose of playing a friendly game with the intermediates of this city. Nothing definite has yet been heard, but it is understood that the Coal City team intend coming down, and the boys are preparing to give them a warm reception when they meet on the Caledonia grounds.

JUNIOR MATCH.

At the Caledonia grounds on Saturday morning a friendly game was played between the junior High school and junior Bays, resulting in a win for the former by a score of 20 points to nothing.

THE KENNEL.

MEETING TO-MORROW.

Members of the Victoria City Kennel Club generally and spaniel fanciers in particular are looking forward to the meeting of the club to-morrow evening, Tuesday, December 2nd, at the Pioneer hall, Broad street, at 8 o'clock, when cocker spaniels will be very much in evidence. This wide-awake serviceable looking little dog is well represented in Victoria, and George Jay and D. A. Upper will have brought before them some fine specimens in various colors and markings, blacks, reds, livers, roans of the lighter hues, and parti-colored, all will be there, the lady with her pet, weighing probably not more than 18 lbs., and the sportsman with his 24 lb. cocker, showing a dog capable of considerable speed, quick, merry and alert, with a carriage of head and stern suggestive of an inclination to work. Here it may be said anyone can bring their cocker and enter it in the competitions, truly a maze bewildering to the ordinary mind, and yet the keen eyes of Messrs. Jay and Upper will soon detect the strong and weak points of the doggies present. All cannot be perfect, even standards may be criticized, but, after the judging is over, this good will remain—a bright evening well spent in pleasurable company, something learned about a favorite breed of dog before unknown, interchange of opinions between breeders, and the Kennel Club strengthened by social intercourse. The public generally are warmly invited to extend to these meetings their patronage.

ASSOCIATION FOOTBALL.

AT CANTEEN GROUNDS.

A good game was witnessed on Saturday at the Canteen grounds between the Navy Yard and the Royal Engineers. The first half ended with the score 1 to 0 in favor of the Dockyard team, and after some exciting play the Naval Yard came out winners by 2 goals to 0.

CENTRAL WON.

The junior league Association match between the Victoria West and Central school teams at Beacon Hill on Saturday afternoon last resulted in a win for Central by a score of 1 to 0. In the first half the game was very evenly contested, neither team gaining any material advantage. The second portion of the match was in favor of the Central boys, that team having the wind behind them. Victoria West played a strictly defensive game. This was continued until nearly full time. Terrlault won the game for the Centrals just three minutes before the call of time.

It is the intention of the Victoria West team to protest the match on the ground that time was called five minutes later than it should have been.

JUNIOR GAME.

On Saturday afternoon a junior game was played between the St. Louis College and Humboldt teams, resulting in a score of two goals to nil in favor of the former.

THEODORE DAVIE ESTATE.

Meeting of the Creditors Was Held Recently—Statement by Trustees.

At the recent meeting of the trustees of the Theodore Davie estate a statement of the present position of the estate was submitted by the trustees and executors, Jno. B. McKilligan and R. T. Elliott, together with a dividend sheet proposing to pay a dividend upon all claims filed at the rate of fifteen and a half cents, and a final dividend at the rate of 5¾ cents on the dollar, in the event of the meeting deciding to cash the Prevost policies at their present surrender value.

The meeting unanimously approved and confirmed the acts of the executors, ratified the accounts submitted, and directed the trustees and executors to pay the first dividend at once, and to take immediate steps to cash the Prevost policies at their present surrender value and pay the final dividend and wind up the estate.

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Nanaimo	12.40	8.20
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Northbound. Leave.	Sat., Sun. & Wed. P.M.	Southbound. Arrive. P.M.
Victoria	3.00	7.00
Shawnigan Lake	4.20	5.40
Duncans	5.00	5.00
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Provincial News.

GRAND FORKS.

C. White Mortimer, British vice-consul at Los Angeles, Cal., has purchased ten acres half a mile south of this city, and will install a drilling plant with the object of boring for oil. He has made extended observations on the occasion of several visits, expressing the belief that the Kettle River valley is underlaid with oil. He is extensively interested in California oil wells.

The Cascade Power Company's power line to Cascade and Granby smelter was thoroughly tested on Friday. The test was regarded as quite satisfactory. Power will be furnished the Granby smelter, which will blow in two more furnaces early next week.

VANCOUVER.

A special meeting of the board of school trustees was held on Friday night to consider the request of the new West End Presbyterian congregation for the use of the Assembly hall in the Lord Roberts school until a church can be erected. The request of the congregation was granted on consideration that the church paid the cost of heating, light, etc. The permission of the school board having been obtained, the new congregation hopes to hold its first service on Sunday week. Meanwhile plans for a permanent building are being prepared, and it is intended to start work on its erection at an early date. The St. Andrew's congregation also intends to commence building operations shortly, having decided to erect a large Sunday school hall on the lot on Richards street adjoining the church.

At the police court during November 10 cases were heard.

Thirty-nine interments were made in the city cemetery during November.

With Registrar Townley during November there were recorded 36 births, 42 marriages and 39 death.

The report that the Independent, the local labor organ, is to be sold to T. R. E. McInnes, is positively denied by Geo. Bartley, the senior partner in the institution.

A remarkable find was made by the police about 4 o'clock on Saturday morning in the East End. Hidden in the bushes near the corner of Heatley avenue and Prior street a large quantity of tobacco was discovered. The weed was put up in packages, under a common American brand, which were notable by reason of the absence of the revenue stamp or marks, indicating that it had passed the customs in the regular way. There was a barrelful of the stuff, about 100 packages in all. The police have a theory as to the presence of the tobacco, and are now working on the case.

GREENWOOD.

Messrs. James D. Sword and H. H. Shaillenberger have returned from a trip to the West Fork of Kettle river to look at some mineral claims, with a view to making a deal for them. They were accompanied by W. T. Smith and George R. Naden, the former to show them a group on Kelly creek, a tributary of the West Fork, and the latter other claims nearer to Westbridge. There are several promising prospects in that part of the district, but as yet not a great deal of development work has been done.

Adolph Fisher, for about five years actively engaged in the saw milling business in the Boundary in partnership with Louis Blue, of Rossland, returned last week from a trip to Alberta. Whilst away he arranged to join two others in starting a brewery at Strathcona, near Edmonton.

Charles Dagman, a young man employed in the sample mill at the B. C. Copper Company's smelter, had a narrow escape from death the other evening. With two other men he was engaged in emptying ore from a string of railway dump cars into the smelter ore bins. When releasing the lever of one car he did not take the customary precautions for his own safety, with the result that he lost his balance and stepped on the ore just as it commenced to fall through into the bin below. About half the contents of a 30-ton car fell on him, causing numerous cuts and contusions about his face and body. Fortunately the ore had been passed through a rock crusher at the mine previous to being loaded on the car, otherwise had it been in large lumps, as is often the case in shipping ore not crushed, the heavy rocks, falling 10 or 20 feet on him, must have nearly pounded the life out of him. He was taken to the Greenwood hospital, where he rallied during the evening from the severe shock his system had sustained, and is doing well, no serious internal injury having been received.

FERNIE.

An explosion in a house at Michel has resulted in the death of George Washington. The Fernie Free Press gives the following details: A terrible explosion occurred in Michel at the house of George J. Washington and his wife, a colored couple. Washington, a miner, placed 11 dynamite sticks in the kitchen oven. Alex. Fraser, who was present, warned him of the danger, but Washington replied that it was quite safe. Shortly after, a terrific roar occurred, and a rush to the place revealed an awful sight. The corner of the house where the kitchen was situated was torn out, the ceiling burst open, and the floor shattered. Every window and door in the entire building was blown off. Washington had been driven against the wall with great force; one arm was entirely blown off and the other so nearly, that Dr. McSorley, who was immediately on the spot, cut the remaining shreds. His legs, below the knee, were broken and shattered almost to a pulp. There were four other persons in the house. Mrs. Washington escaped with a slight wound on the arm; Jim Coutts, a boarder, was badly burned about the face and head, while the other two boarders escaped unhurt. The two men were brought to the Fernie hospital, where Washington soon died.

A sad case of evident suicide is reported from Michel. B. O. Nettleship, stable boss for the coal company stables at that place, made a remark to the stable boy in the morning that he would be dead by noon. The remark was not thought to mean more than a wild saying of a man recovering from drink, but when too late it was found that he had taken some poison. He steadily sank, and though Dr. McSorley did all possible to save his life, he passed away in the afternoon.

NELSON.

A wedding took place on Wednesday afternoon, the contracting parties being Mr. W. E. McCandlish, of the Dominion Express, and Miss Ernestine Larson. Rev. J. H. White performed the ceremony, the groomsman being D. C. Proudfoot, and Miss Mabelle Larson acting as bridesmaid.

NEW WESTMINSTER.

Nominations take place here to-day, and the following is a list of those likely to be nominated: For mayor, Wm. Holland Keary. For aldermen (7), Marshall Sinclair (for re-election), Bartley W. Shiles (for re-election), William A. Johnson (for re-election), Wesley E. Vanstone (for re-election), Joseph A. Johnson (for re-election), Wm. Pope, Ralph Wilson, Joseph Cameron, Dr. A. J. Holmes, Alexander Bell, and probably Arthur M. Malins. For school trustee (3), John Reid (for re-election), John McKenzie (for re-election), Mrs. A. J. Hill (for re-election), Mrs. Frank Broad, Wm. A. Dashwood-Jones, Wm. T. Cooksley, Peter Peebles and Alfred Hardman.

"OUR SCHOOLS."

To the Editor:—I am hopeful that the citizens of Victoria generally may take a very decided interest in educational matters in connection with the public schools of this city, and encourage every legitimate and reasonable proposition which shall have for its ultimate end the advancement of education in our midst. It was my privilege during the summer to visit a number of the public schools in England and Scotland, and whatever may be said to the contrary, I believe that the common schools (so called) are equally as well equipped in every sense of the word as our own.

Secondary education, however, in not comparable with that provided in the public school system of Canada. On the other hand, technical education is making rapid strides, and I cannot speak too highly of the excellent provision made for the boys and girls in the Old Country in the study of mechanics and domestic economy. I made a very careful inspection of the technical school at Halifax, in Yorkshire, and my eyes feasted upon the highly commendable work of the students in that progressive institution; whether in engineering, scientific plumbing, wood carving, modelling, painting, sign writing, or in the weaving shades, the same satisfactory work had been accomplished, and reflected much credit upon the enthusiastic principal, J. Crowther, B. Sc., F. C. S.

I am desirous of interesting the people of Victoria in the matter of technical education, and, with your approval, Mr. Editor, shall be pleased to present an article upon the subject at an early date, which, I trust, may result in some practical effort being made along that line, for I think that I can easily convince the people of this city of the advisability of instituting such a school of learning. Another subject that will receive attention at my hands is "The Business Course," which, in my opinion, is absolutely indispensable to every boy at least, and I may argue to every girl. A course of study that will present the practical and scientific principles of business, for "business" is becoming more and more a science every day, and our own boys and girls should not be less equipped for mercantile pursuits than the boys and girls of the Eastern provinces. The third subject will be that of "School Gardens," so recently brought to the attention of the trustees and teachers by Professor Robertson, a man who is doing noble work along educational lines. I will not take up any more space in your valuable columns at this time, Mr. Editor, although I know you have consented to place my views upon these subjects (which have been merely suggested in this communication) before the people of this city; but I would avail myself of this opportunity to testify to the fact that Victoria has to-day as fine a teaching staff as can be found in any city in Canada or Great Britain; not on account of their professional training, but because their enthusiastic and conscientious service is exerting an excellent moral influence upon our boys and girls. The ultimate end of all education should be character, and I am satisfied that the earnest work of the present staff is moulding the lives of our future public and business men for good. When I think of all the glorious opportunities that are presented to our boys and girls, I wish I could be a boy again.

I sincerely trust, in fact I know, that Victoria will supply her full percentage of good and able men and women, who shall make Canada rich with the noble instincts of exalted citizenship

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8—Montreal and Simcoe Sts., James Bay.
9—Dallas Rd. and Simcoe St., James Bay.
14—Vancouver and Burdette Sts.
15—Douglas and Humboldt Sts.
16—Humboldt and Rupert Sts.
21—Yates and Broad Sts.
23—Fort and Government Sts.
24—Yates and Wharf Sts.
25—Johnson and Government Sts.
26—Douglas St., between Fort and View.
27—Headquarters Fire Dept., Cormorant St.
31—View and Blanchard Sts.
32—Fort and Quadra Sts.
34—Yates and Cook Sts.
35—Cadboro Bay Rd. and Stanley Ave.
36—Junction Oak Bay and Cadboro Bay Rds.
37—Cadboro Bay and Richmond Rds.
41—Quadra and Pandora Sts.
42—Chatham and Blanchard Sts.
43—Caledonia and Cook Sts.
45—Spring Ridge.
46—North Chatham St. and Stanley Ave.
51—Douglas and Discovery Sts.
52—Government and Princess Sts.
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63—John and Bridge Sts.
64—Catherine St., Victoria West.
65—Springfield Ave. and Esquimalt Rd.
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Date.	Time.	Height.	Time.	Height.	Time.	Height.	Time.	Height.
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2 ..	6 34	7.2	9 30	6.8	14 08	8.3	22 17	1.6
3 ..	7 43	7.3	10 22	7.1	14 29	8.1	22 58	1.7
4 ..	8 53	7.4	11 22	7.3	14 42	7.8	23 41	2.0
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10 ..	3 35	4.1	10 53	7.5	19 06	5.0	23 33	5.5
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15 ..	4 04	7.2	8 01	6.2	13 06	9.1	20 54	0.8
16 ..	4 59	7.6	8 49	6.6	13 42	9.2	21 36	0.4
17 ..	5 57	7.8	9 40	7.0	14 30	9.1	22 21	0.2
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26 ..	2 09	6.3	5 08	5.8	11 01	8.5	19 15	2.6
27 ..	3 24	6.8	6 00	6.4	11 28	8.7	19 47	2.1
28 ..	4 27	7.2	6 48	6.9	11 57	8.8	20 18	1.7
29 ..	5 21	7.5	7 35	7.2	12 27	8.9	20 48	1.4
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Victoria, B. C., Nov. 20th, 1902.

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DOMINION OF CANADA

SYNOPSIS OF REGULATIONS

For Disposal of Minerals on Dominion Lands in Manitoba, the Northwest Territories, and the Yukon Territory.

COAL.

Coal lands may be purchased at $10.00 per acre for soft coal, and $20.00 for anthracite. Not more than 320 acres can be acquired by one individual or company. Royalty at such rate as may from time to time be specified by Order in Council shall be collected on the gross output.

QUARTZ.

Persons of eighteen years and over and joint stock companies holding Free Miner's Certificates may obtain entry for a mining location.

A Free Miner's Certificate is granted for one or more years, not exceeding five, upon payment in advance of $10.00 per annum for an individual, and from $50.00 to $100.00 per annum for a company, according to capital.

A Free Miner having discovered mineral in place may locate a claim 1,500x1,500 feet by marking out the same with two legal posts, bearing location notices, one at each end on the line of the lode or vein.

The claim shall be recorded within fifteen days if located within ten miles of a Mining Recorder's Office, one additional day allowed for every additional ten miles or fraction. The fee for recording a claim is $5.00.

At least $100.00 must be expended on the claim each year or paid to the Mining Recorder in lieu thereof. When $500.00 has been expended or paid the locator may, upon having a survey made and upon complying with other requirements, purchase the land at $1.00 an acre.

Permission may be granted by the Minister of the Interior to locate claims containing iron and mica, also copper, in the Yukon Territory, of an area not exceeding 160 acres.

The patent for a mining location shall provide for the payment of royalty on the sales not exceeding five per cent.

PLACER MINING, MANITOBA AND THE N. W. T., EXCEPTING THE YUKON TERRITORY.

Placer mining claims generally are 100 feet square; entry fee $5.00, renewable yearly. On the North Saskatchewan River claims are either bar or bench, the former being 100 feet long and extending between high and low water mark. The latter includes bar diggings, but extends back to the base of the hill or bank, but not exceeding 1,000 feet. Where steam power is used, claims 200 feet wide may be obtained.

DREDGING IN THE RIVERS OF MANITOBA AND THE N. W. T., EXCEPTING THE YUKON TERRITORY.

A Free Miner may obtain only two leases of five miles each for a term of twenty years, renewable in the discretion of the Minister of the Interior.

The lessee's right is confined to the submerged bed or bars of the river below low water mark, and subject to the rights of all persons who have, or who may receive, entries for bar diggings or bench claims, except on the Saskatchewan River, where the lessee may dredge to high water mark on each alternate leasehold.

The lessee shall have a dredge in operation within one season from the date of the lease for each five miles, but where a person or company has obtained more than one lease one dredge for each fifteen miles or fraction is sufficient. Rental $10.00 per annum for each mile of river leased. Royalty at the rate of two and a half per cent. collected on the output after it exceeds $10,000.00.

DREDGING IN THE YUKON TERRITORY

Six leases of five miles each may be granted to a free miner for a term of twenty years, also renewable.

The lessee's right is confined to the submerged bed or bars in the river below low water mark, that boundary to be fixed by its position on the 1st day of August in the year of the date of the lease.

The lessee shall have one dredge in operation within two years from the date of the lease, and one dredge for each five miles within six years from such date. Rental, $100.00 per mile for first year, and $10.00 per mile for each subsequent year. Royalty ten per cent. on the output in excess of $15,000.00.

PLACER MINING IN THE YUKON TERRITORY.

Creek, Gulch, River and Hill Claims shall not exceed 250 feet in length, measured on the base line or general direction of the creek or gulch, the width being from 1,000 to 2,000 feet. All other Placer Claims shall be 250 feet square.

Claims are marked by two legal posts, one at each end bearing notices. Entry must be obtained within ten days if the claim is within ten miles of Mining Recorder's office. One extra day allowed for each additional ten miles or fraction.

The person or company staking a claim, and each person in his or its employment, except house servants, must hold a Free Miner's Certificate.

The discoverer of a new mine is entitled to a claim 1,000 feet in length, and if the party consists of two, 1,500 feet altogether, on the output of which no royalty shall be charged, the rest of the party ordinary claims only.

Entry fee $15.00. Royalty at the rate of five per cent. charged on the gross output of the claim, with the exception of an annual exemption of $5,000.00.

No Free Miner shall receive a grant of more than one mining claim on each separate river, creek or gulch, but the same miner may hold any number of claims by purchase, and Free Miners, not exceeding ten in number, may work their claims in partnership, by filing notice and paying fee of $2.00. A claim may be abandoned and another obtained on the same creek, gulch or river, by giving notice, and paying a fee.

Work must be done on a claim each year to the value of at least $200.00, or in lieu of work payment may be made to the Mining Recorder each year for the first three years of $200.00 and after that $400.00 for each year.

A certificate that work has been done or fee paid must be obtained each year; if not, the claim shall be deemed to be abandoned, and open to occupation and entry by a Free Miner.

The boundaries of a claim may be defined absolutely by having a survey made, and publishing notices in the Yukon Official Gazette.

HYDRAULIC MINING, YUKON TERRITORY.

Locations suitable for hydraulic mining, having a frontage of from one to five miles, and a depth of one mile or more, may be leased for twenty years, provided the ground has been prospected by the applicant or his agent; is found to be unsuitable for placer mining; and does not include within its boundaries any mining claims already granted. A rental of $150.00 for each mile of frontage, and a royalty of five per cent. on the gross output, less an annual exemption of $25,000.00, are charged. Operations must be commenced within one year from the date of the lease, and not less than $5,000.00 must be expended annually. The lease excludes all base metals, quartz and coal, and provides for the withdrawal of unoperated land for agricultural or building purposes.

PETROLEUM.

All unappropriated Dominion Lands shall, after the 1st of July, 1901, be open to prospecting for petroleum. Should the prospector discover oil in paying quantities he may acquire 640 acres of available land, including and surrounding his discovery at the rate of $1.00 an acre, subject to royalty at such rate as may be specified by Order in Council.

JAMES A. SMART,
Deputy of the Minister of the Interior.
Ottawa, 19th Dec., 1901.

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"HEARTS OF OAK."

James A. Herne's Well Known Drama on Thursday Evening Next.

Manager Jamieson is fortunate in securing another of the James A. Herne's companies, and announces "Hearts of Oak" for next Thursday evening at the Victoria theatre. Of this famous play the San Francisco Call recently said:

"The star performer of Herne's good old play, 'Hearts of Oak,' at the California this week is a soft, dimpled, cooing little bunch of babyhood that had last night's audience completely at her tiny toes. The young lady's big scene, in which she is tossed like a meal sack from one performer to another, is a triumph. She permits one actor to play 'Pat a cake, pat a cake, baker's man,' with her with the most sublime good nature imaginable; goes off over the shoulder of another with her little heels in the air as if that were the position de luxe for babies, and very properly whimpers a bit when her papa says 'I am r-r-ruined.' She touched the by no means hard-hearted audience that follows the Herne play in its tenderest spot, and the honors are with the baby. After her attractive two feet two is another very taking child performer, Leona Evans, who does the usual Herne child with unusual skill. The others of the company are all reasonably competent. W. J. Gross as Uncle Davy, Grace Estelle Clarke as Chrystal and Emily McPherson in a stunning little bit as Tawdrey, the 'model help,' being all well above the level of the road show. The play, with its dialect, sailor folk, babies and real Boston beans—smoking hot!—is familiar to all playgoers, and perennially pleasing. Clean, wholesome and dealing with the picturesque, simple life of a seafaring folk, it will appeal to a large class of playgoers and doubtless fill the California this week as it is accustomed to fill other theatres."

PICTURES BY TELEGRAPH.

To the Editor:—It may interest your readers to know that pictures by telegraph in all their details, as well of places as of persons, so that the latter are exact likenesses, are at last an accomplished fact. The new machine is called the "Electrograph," and by it any picture or photograph can be sent any distance. It has been tested fully and exhaustively over a distance of 800 miles with perfect results. The Leslie syndicate controls it, and the inventors are H. R. Palmer and Thos. Mills.

Some of these machines have already been leased, but it will be some time before they can be delivered.

H. T. STANNARD.
The Art Depot, 131 Fort St., Victoria.

DURBAR AT DELHI.

Preparations For the Great Event Which Takes Place Early in New Year.

Some details of the elaborate preparations which are being made for the great durbar that is to be held at Delhi at the beginning of next year at which the Duke and Duchess of Connaught will be present with the Viceroy of India.

The following troops will probably head the procession: A squadron of the 4th Dragoon Guards, "H" Battery R.H.A., three squadrons 4th Dragoon Guards, the Chief Herald and trumpeters, Viceroy's Bodyguard, and the Imperial Cadet Corps. Then will follow on elephants the staffs of the Viceroy and the Duke, and immediately after them the Viceroy and Lady Curzon and the Duke and Duchess on state elephants.

Some fifty or sixty of the ruling chiefs of India will follow on elephants, which will march in pairs. Then will come in carriages the Governors of Madras and Bombay, with their suites and escorts, the Lieutenant-Governor of Punjab with his escort, the Commander-in-Chief and the Lieut.-General Commanding in Bengal, on horseback, with staffs and escorts of British cavalry.

Next in carriages follow the Lieut.-Governors of Burma, Bengal, and the United Provinces, with staffs and escort, members of the Viceroy's Council, with the agent to the Governor-General in Baluchistan, with the Khan of Khelat and Baluch chiefs. The Chief Commissioner, Northwest Frontier Provinces, and a Pathan chief will come next on horses, the Chief Commissioners of the Central Provinces and Assam, with the 11th Bengal Lancers, completing the procession, whose enormous length can be gauged by the above details. Full dress will, of course, be worn on the occasion.

The Viceroy's tent camp ground at Delhi promises to be an absolute surprise to all the visitors in extent and magnificence. There will be some 1,500 tents, extending for many miles. Those now erected indicate the care that has been taken to secure decorative effect, and the whole style is absolutely Indian.

Every item of furniture will be of native manufacture, the inside of the tent is draped with golden colored art work, relieved by fringes of blue and crimson, and the central portion of the tent roof will be draped with Ferrukhabad art work in blue and white. The greatest effect may be anticipated in the camp drawing room, 110x40 feet. These tents will be reserved solely for the use of the Viceroy's illustrious guests. The floors of each will be paved with wood, whilst this in turn will be covered with carpet.

A branch of the British Navy League was formed at St. John, N. B., on Friday, with Mayor White as convener and 30 members.

RUSSIA'S BOLD DESIGN.

Intended Military Occupation of Afghanistan—Checked by News of Victories and Britain's Attitude.

The London Daily Graphic says: "Among the questions and answers recently printed and circulated with the votes in the House of Commons is an inquiry by Mr. Moon as to the date of the communication from the Russian government in regard to the appointment of a Russian agent at Cabul. To this Viscount Cranborne replied: 'The date of the communication from the Russian government is February 6th, 1900.' The significance of this reply is dealt with in the following note we have received from a well informed correspondent: 'Now that Lord Cranborne has revealed the date of the proposal of the Russian government to establish diplomatic relations with Afghanistan, there can be no harm in pointing out that this demarche was the abortive culmination of a very serious military enterprise on the part of the government of the Czar, which caused our own government no small amount of anxiety in the early days of the South African war.

"It has long been known that the only foreign power whose attitude towards Great Britain at this time was at all menacing was Russia. The story of Count Muravieff's attempt to organize a European coalition against this country has already been told, but it is less generally known that the attempts of Russia to involve us in the complications did not stop with the breakdown of that scheme. The idea was to seize the opportunity of our South African embarrassments in order to realize certain Russian aspirations in Afghanistan. The forward party in the Russian ministry favored a march to Herat; others were content to force Great Britain to acquiesce in the establishment of diplomatic relations between the Czar and the Ameer under cover of an imposing military demonstration. The mot d'ordre was given to the press, and in November, 1899, the Russian newspapers were without exception clamoring for an active policy in Afghanistan. At the same time troops were concentrated in the trans-Caspian provinces, and over 30,000 men, with 150 guns, were sent from Tiflis, via Askabad, to Kushk, on the Afghan frontier, where strong fortifications were constructed, and an immense amount of railway material was accumulated. Towards the end of January four army corps, of 44,000 men each, with proportionate artillery, were gathered together in Trans-Caspia, and it had been ascertained by experiment that each army corps could be transported to Kushk in eight days. Throughout India, Persia and Central Asia war was regarded as imminent. Already, in the middle of January, it was rumored in Teheran and Meshed that the Russian government had formally proposed to Great Britain the dispatch of a Russian envoy to Cabul, and the news was so fully credited that it caused a slump in government paper in the Bombay Bazaar (see Times, January 19th, 1900, and Bombay Gazette, January 27th). It was not, however, until three weeks later that the proposal was actually made.

"'There can be no question that it was the intention of Russia to repudiate her engagements of 1873-1885 not to interfere with Afghanistan in the same way that she had denounced the Black Sea clauses of the Treaty of Paris in 1870. The reason that this step was not taken is said to be that the Czar vetoed further action and strongly reprimanded the minister of war, who, it is alleged, ordered the concentration of troops in Trans-Caspia and at Kushk without His Majesty's knowledge. It is more probable that the scheme was rendered abortive by the firm attitude of the British government, and also by the dramatic change in the situation in South Africa and the sudden development of the Boxer crisis in China. On the very day that the Russian government dispatched its proposal to London, February 6th, Lord Roberts left Capetown for the Modder river, and when the British reply reached St. Petersburg Kimberley had been relieved and Cronje had surrendered. A fortnight later the Dowager Empress of China threw down her gauntlet to all the European powers, and Russia could no longer afford to risk a war with Great Britain in Afghanistan. Thus the crisis passed away.'"

WHAT IS BIRD'S-EYE MAPLE.

"What is bird's-eye maple?" That is a question which just now seems to be baffling not only people who use furniture made of this particular wood, but even woodworkers themselves. In a recent number of a woodworking magazine an article was published which stated that bird's-eye maple was not a peculiar maple, but simply ordinary maple cut in a certain way. In a recent issue of the New York Sun that statement is refuted. It is there stated, on the authority of a woodworker, that bird's-eye and curly maple are both cut only from logs of the rock maple tree, Acer saccharinum, in which a beautiful lustrous grain is produced by the sinuous course of the fibres. This tree is not at all the common hard maple. It is a hard maple, but it is full of little gnarls called eyes. Men looking for bird's-eye maple logs go through the standing timber and pick out the bird's-eye maple trees, paying for them from $30 to $50 a thousand feet in the woods. Ordinary hard maple logs are worth only from $6 to $7 a thousand feet. It would be impossible to cut a piece of veneer with eyes in it from a common hard maple log, and it would be equally impossible to cut a bird's-eye maple log, no matter how you cut it, so that it would not show the eyes."—Scientific American.

—The regular monthly meeting of the Typographical Union was held yesterday afternoon at Labor hall. The usual routine business was dealt with.

BIRTHS.

BRAULT—At Revelstoke, on Nov. 22nd, the wife of Ed. Brault, of a son.

MACBETH—At the First Presbyterian church Manse, Vancouver, on Nov. 26th, the wife of Rev. R. G. MacBeth, of a daughter.

MARRIED.

M'CANDLISH-LARSON—At Nelson, on Nov. 26th, by Rev. J. H. White, W. E. McCandlish and Miss Ernestine Larson.

ADAMS-GAW—At Vernon, on Nov. 24th, by Rev. J. H. Lambert, Harold Adams and Mrs. Louise Gaw.

DIED.

WEBSTER—At Vancouver, on Nov. 29th, Alexander Cromble Webster, of Lulu Island, aged 70 years and 6 months.

PERSONAL.

Frank H. Deacon, who is interested in fruit growing in California, is at present in the city, a guest at the Dominion hotel. He is making a tour of various parts of Vancouver Island for the purpose of looking into its advantages as a fruit growing district. Ultimately Mr. Deacon may acquire a ranch somewhere on this Island for fruit growing. He has been very favorably impressed with the parts of the Island which he has visited. Duncans has been visited and he will later go to Comox.

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W. G. Wenman and wife, of Manitoba, are among the tourists registered at the Victoria hotel. Mr. Wenman is one of the many prosperous farmers of the Prairie Province, having under cultivation over 650 acres of land. The busy season over, he decided to visit the Coast, and is delighted with the trip. The scenery through the Rockies impressed him greatly by its bold and rugged grandeur. He is much pleased with this city, and intends spending some days here taking in the sights.

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C. Julian, travelling representative of E. W. McLean & Co., of Vancouver, is in the city, having returned from the Mainland last evening by the steamer Charmer. He has just returned from a tour of California cities almost as far south as Mexico, and says that business all through that country is very brisk. He will spend some days here on business, a guest at the Victoria hotel.

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Staff Surgeon W. E. Home and Mrs. Home arrived at the Driard last evening. Dr. Home succeeds Dr. Handyside as surgeon at the Naval hospital, Esquimalt.

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A. Gough, who up to six years ago was engaged in the hotel business, is visiting Victoria. He arrived from Seattle to join his wife who is visiting in this city.

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Joseph B. Hancock, the quarter, half and five mile champion cyclist of British Columbia, returned from a trip to Australia by the steamer Aorangi the other day.

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P. R. Fleming, purser of the steamer Tees; E. B. Wallace, of the steamer Louise; and James McCanney, are among the guests at the Victoria hotel.

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E. W. Maclean, C. Julian, Jas. Fowler, R. E. Brett and J. L. Beckwith were among yesterday's arrivals from Vancouver by the steamer Charmer.

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J. H. Mundenhall, a commercial man of New York, and T. J. Stephens, of Vancouver, are among the knights of the grip at the Victoria hotel.

A. B. Elliott, a mining man from Queensland, Australia, is at the Dominion. He is on a business trip and will spend a few days in this city.

John Hendry, of the Victoria Terminal Co., arrived in the city last evening from Vancouver. He is staying at the Driard.

Prof. Alexander, of New York, who is to deliver a series of lectures in the city, is a guest at the Dominion.

Capt. R. Goldsmith and F. R. Juke, of Seattle, and D. F. Stewart, of Portland, are guests at the Vernon.

Geo. A. Keefer, Dominion government engineer, was a passenger from Vancouver last Saturday evening.

C. Grassie and wife, of Duncans, are spending their honeymoon in the city, guests at the Dominion.

A. W. Vowell, Indian superintendent, returned last Saturday evening from Vancouver.

T. Hamilton, of Tacoma, a member of the Yreka Company, is at the Dominion.

Dr. L. T. Seavey, quarantine officer at Port Townsend, is at the Dominion.

F. Talson and wife, of Kent, Washington, are guests at the Dominion hotel.

Hon. W. W. B. McInnes is registered at the Vernon.

Jas. Fowler, of Vancouver, is at the Vernon.

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A Serial Story.

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